

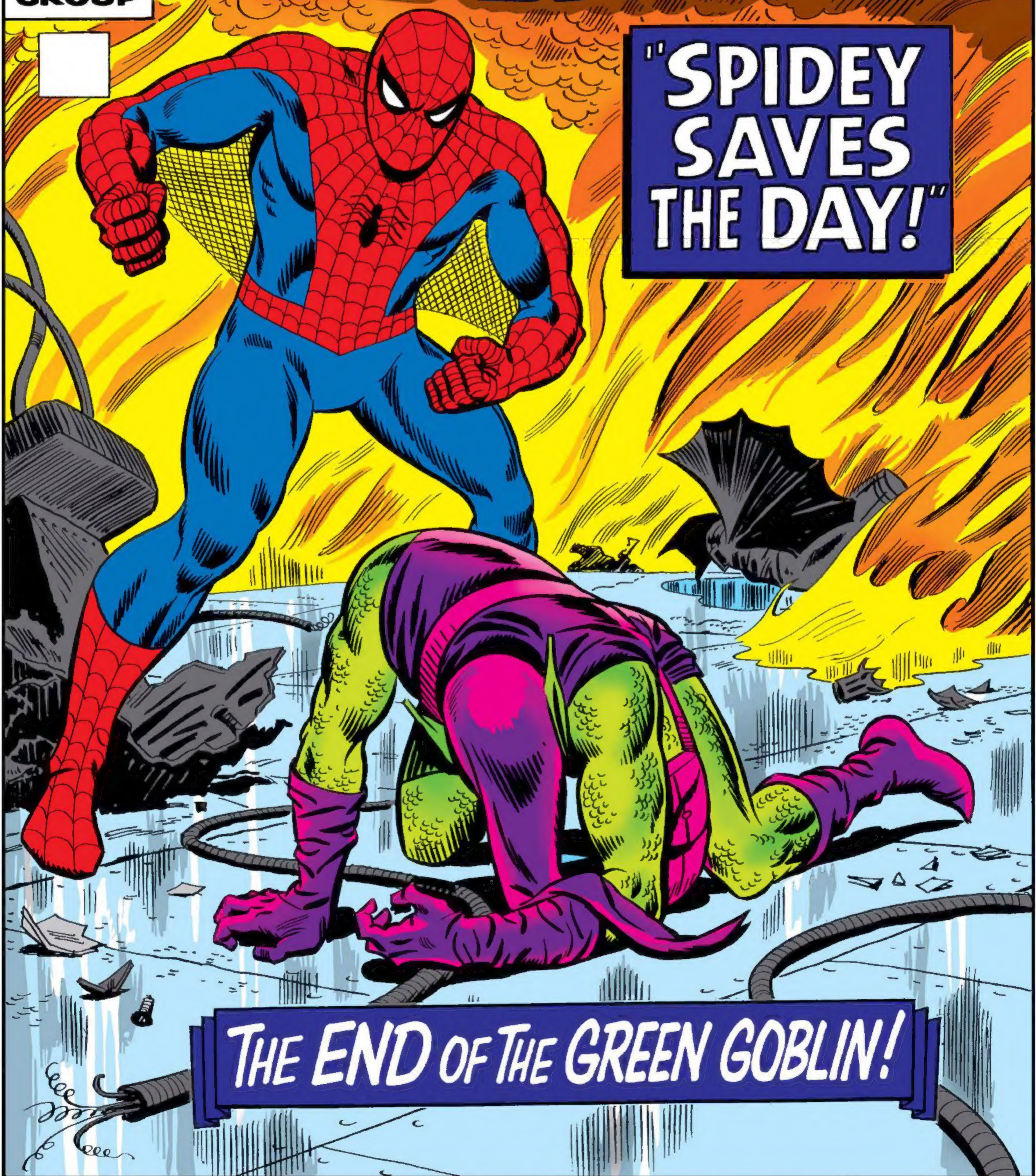


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FEATURING:

# THE END OF THE GREEN GOBLIN!

IF YOU MISSED OUR LAST ISH BECAUSE YOU WERE ORBITING EARTH ON A SPACE SHIP (THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE REASON FOR A TRUE SPIDOPHILE'S COPPING OUT), ALL WE NEED TELL YOU IS THAT SPIDEY HAS BEEN CAPTURED AND UNMASKED BY THE GREEN GOBLIN... ONLY TO LEARN THAT HIS UBIQUITOUS ENEMY IS NONE OTHER THAN **NORMAN OSBORN**, FATHER OF PETER'S COLLEGE CLASSMATE, **HARRY OSBORN**! AND NOW, TIGER, YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN...

I'VE GOT TO STALL FOR TIME... KEEP HIM TALKING... WHILE I STRAIN AGAINST THESE STEEL ALLOY COILS HE'S TIED ME WITH!

TAKE A LOOK AT MY FACE, PARKER... A GOOD, LONG LOOK! IT'S THE LAST FACE YOU'LL EVER SEE... IN THIS LIFE!

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN IT WOULD BE YOU, OSBORN! ANYONE WHO'D HAVE A SON LIKE HARRY...!

HARRY?? YOU KNOW MY SON?!!

CONCEIVED IN FANTASY, AND DEDICATED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT ALL MARVELITES ARE ENTITLED TO LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF COMIC BOOK QUALITY! SO SAY WE ALL!

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YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE MENTIONED HARRY! WHY DID YOU REMIND ME OF HIM?

I MUSTN'T THINK OF HIM, DO YOU HEAR! I MUST FORGET... FORGET!

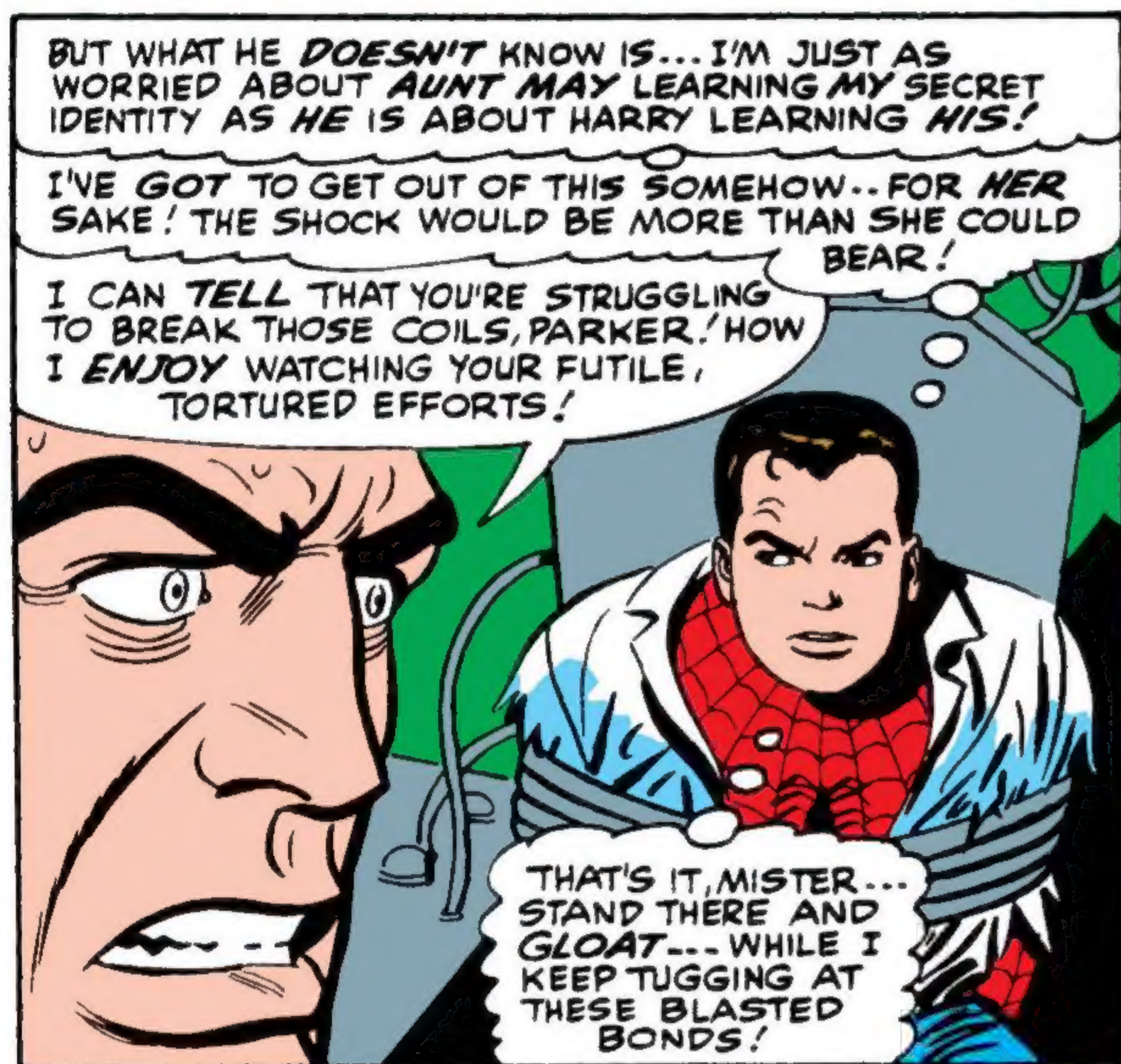


HE THINKS I'M JUST A SIMPLE BUSINESSMAN! HE MUST NEVER KNOW THE TRUTH... NEVER!

AND HE WON'T! YOU'LL NEVER TELL HIM! I WON'T LET YOU!



THAT'S ANOTHER REASON WHY YOU MUST DIE, PARKER! ONLY YOU KNOW WHO THE GREEN GOBLIN IS!... JUST AS I KNOW WHO SPIDER-MAN REALLY IS!

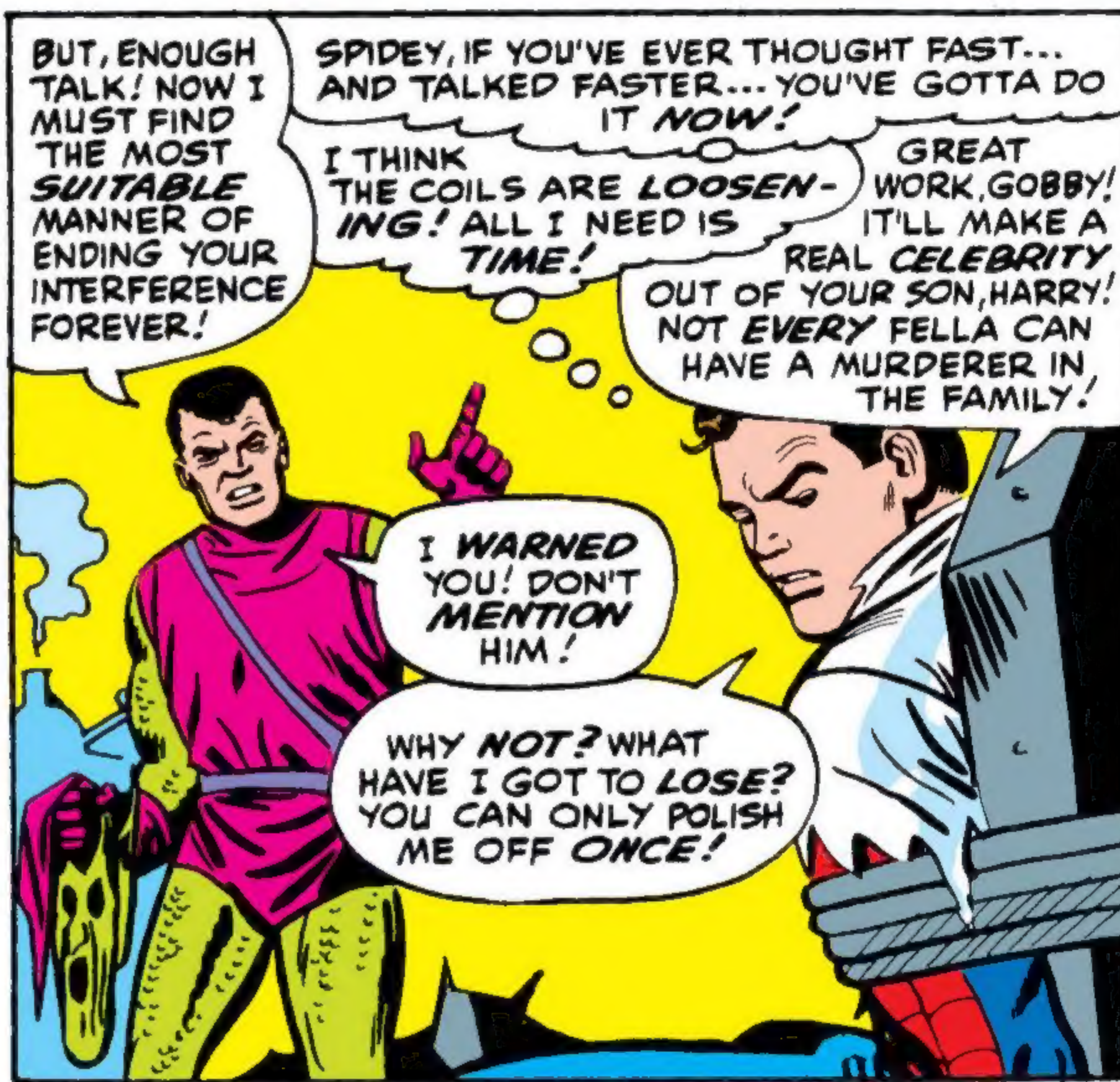


BUT WHAT HE DOESN'T KNOW IS... I'M JUST AS WORRIED ABOUT AUNT MAY LEARNING MY SECRET IDENTITY AS HE IS ABOUT HARRY LEARNING HIS!

I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF THIS SOMEHOW.. FOR HER SAKE! THE SHOCK WOULD BE MORE THAN SHE COULD BEAR!

I CAN TELL THAT YOU'RE STRUGGLING TO BREAK THOSE COILS, PARKER! HOW I ENJOY WATCHING YOUR FUTILE, TORTURED EFFORTS!

THAT'S IT, MISTER... STAND THERE AND GLOAT... WHILE I KEEP TUGGING AT THESE BLASTED BONDS!



BUT, ENOUGH TALK! NOW I MUST FIND THE MOST SUITABLE MANNER OF ENDING YOUR INTERFERENCE FOREVER!

SPIDEY, IF YOU'VE EVER THOUGHT FAST... AND TALKED FASTER... YOU'VE GOTTA DO IT NOW!

I THINK THE COILS ARE LOOSEN-ING! ALL I NEED IS TIME!

GREAT WORK, GOBBY! IT'LL MAKE A REAL CELEBRITY OUT OF YOUR SON, HARRY! NOT EVERY FELLA CAN HAVE A MURDERER IN THE FAMILY!

I WARNED YOU! DON'T MENTION HIM!

WHY NOT? WHAT HAVE I GOT TO LOSE? YOU CAN ONLY POLISH ME OFF ONCE!



OSBORN IS OBVIOUSLY A PSYCHOPATH! I'VE GOT TO PLAY ON HIS EMOTIONS... GOT TO KEEP HITTING HIM WHERE IT HURTS!

ANYWAY, YOU'RE NOT FOOLING ME! YOU DON'T GIVE A HOOT ABOUT HARRY! HE TOLD ME SO HIMSELF! HE TOLD ME HOW YOU'VE CHANGED TOWARDS HIM THESE PAST FEW YEARS!

LIES! ALL LIES! HE DOESN'T UNDERSTAND! NOBODY UNDERSTANDS! NOBODY REALLY KNOWS WHY I BECAME THE GREEN GOBLIN!

I WAS RIGHT! HE'S A REAL MENTAL CASE! MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO KEEP TAUNTING HIM!

BUT, I'VE GOT TO BE CAREFUL! ONE WRONG WORD COULD MAKE HIM VIOLENT... AND THEN, BYE-BYE SPIDEY!

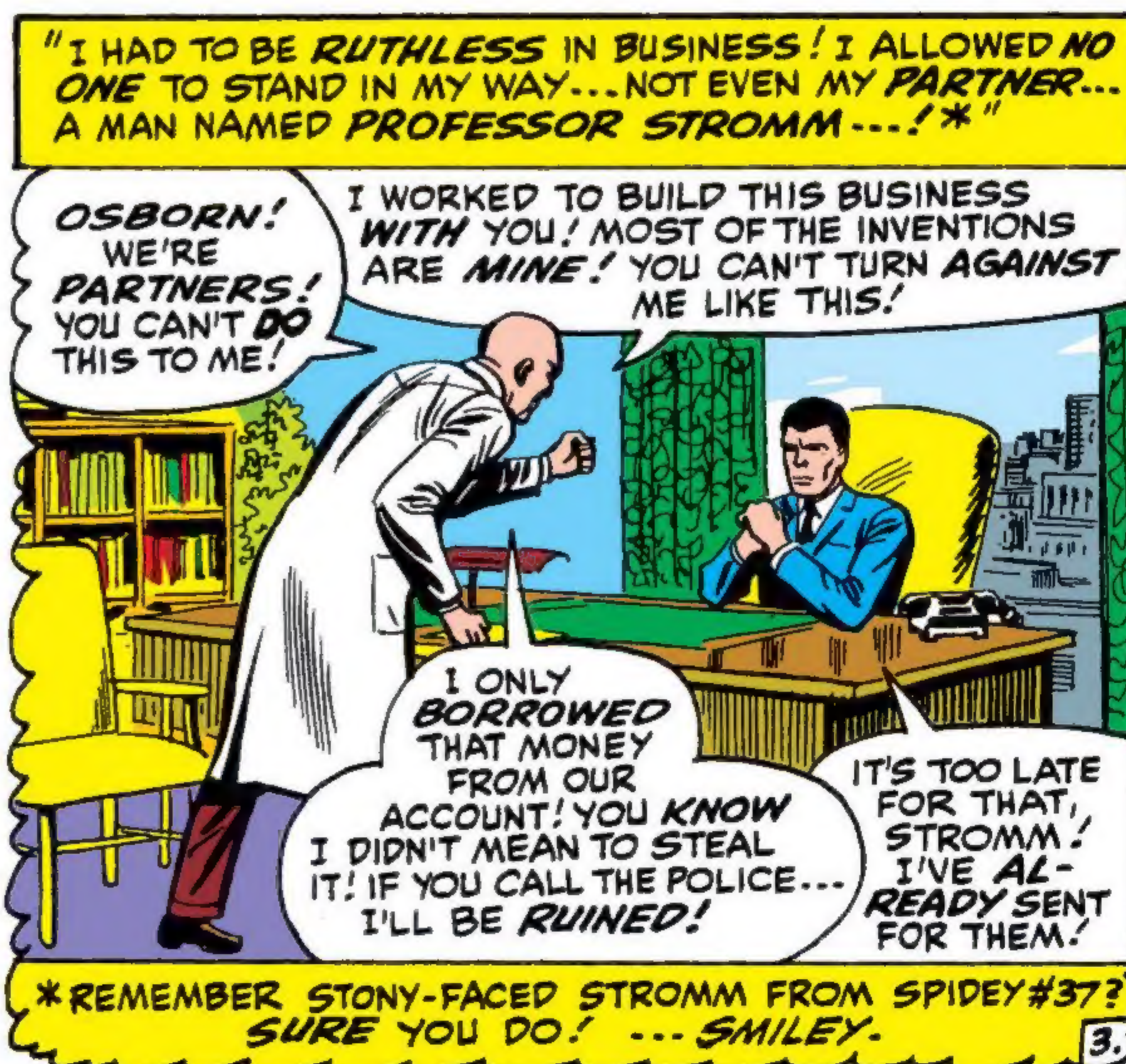
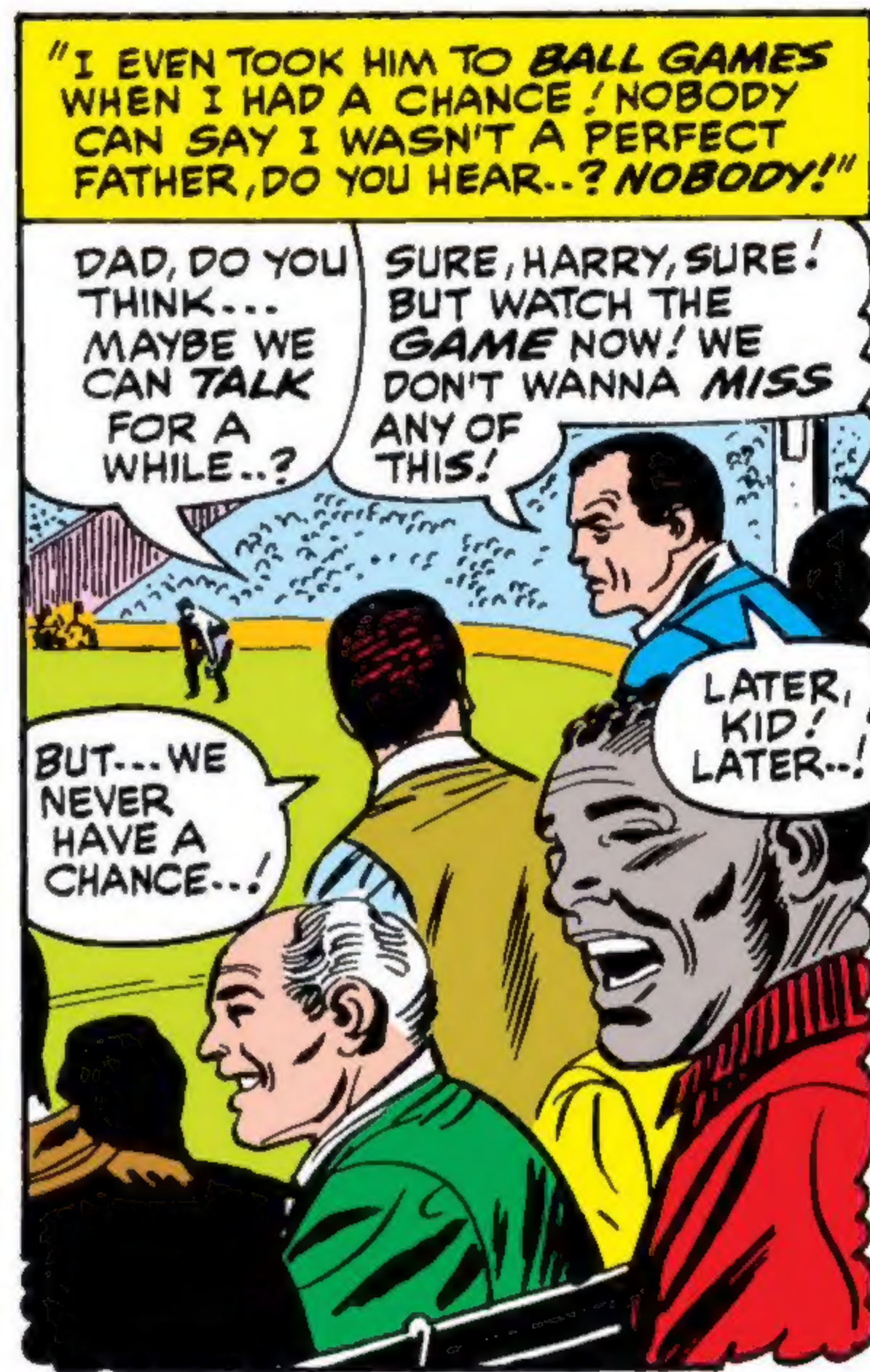
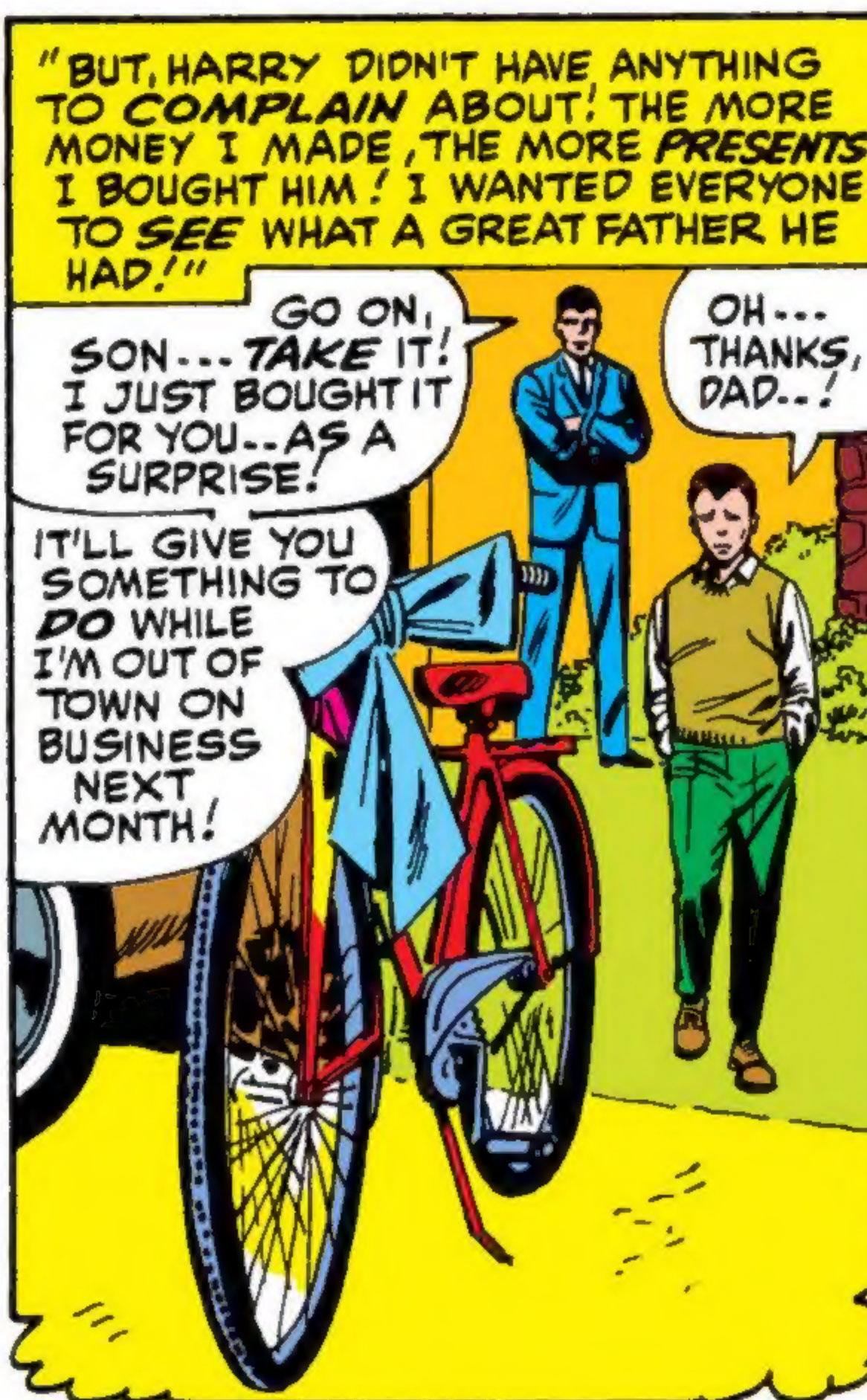
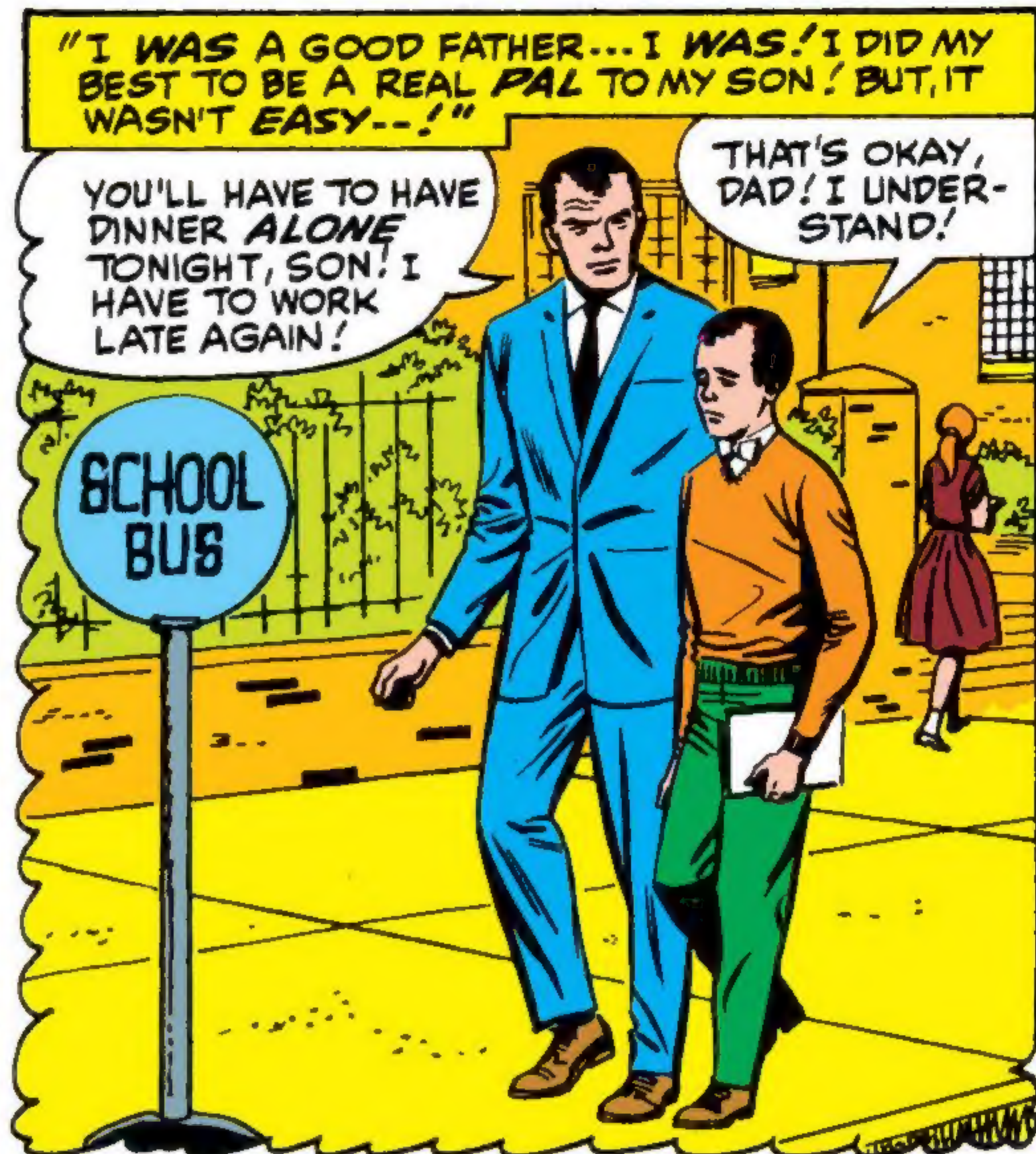


BIG DEAL! WHO CARES WHY YOU BECAME THE GREEN GOBLIN? YOU PROBABLY LOST AN ELECTION BET OR SOMETHING! WHAT DOES IT MATTER?

YOU FOOL! I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT IT MATTERS! I'LL MAKE YOU LISTEN! THEN YOU'LL UNDERSTAND!

GOOD! IT'S WORKING!







"PERHAPS I WAS TOO HARD ON STROMM...BUT IT WAS HIS OWN FAULT FOR BEING CARELESS...AND IT GAVE ME COMPLETE CONTROL OF MY BUSINESS!"

YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS, OSBORN! I WON'T BE IN JAIL FOREVER...AND WHEN I GET OUT...I'LL HAVE MY REVENGE! I SWEAR IT!

YOU ALWAYS WERE TOO EMOTIONAL, STROMM! THAT LITTLE OUTBURST OF YOURS DOESN'T IMPRESS ME A BIT!

TAKE HIM AWAY, GENTLEMEN! I'LL BE IN COURT TO PREFER CHARGES IN THE MORNING!

SO THAT'S WHY STROMM TRIED TO KILL YOU WITH THAT ROBOT OF HIS! AND THAT'S WHY YOU RESENTED SPIDER-MAN'S HELP!

UH-OH! HE'S TOO QUIET! I'VE GOTTA GET HIM TALKING AGAIN!

WHAT A JOKE! ME, TRYING TO SAVE THE GREEN GOBLIN!

I STILL DON'T GET IT, OSBORN! YOU BECAME WEALTHY... SUCCESSFUL! YOU ACHIEVED YOUR GOAL...

SO, WHAT MADE YOU TURN TO CRIME? WHAT MADE YOU BECOME THE GREEN GOBLIN?

I'VE TOLD YOU SO MUCH...I MIGHT AS WELL TELL YOU THE REST! AFTER ALL, MY SECRET WILL DIE WITH YOU!

NOT IF I CAN HELP IT, MISTER!

THERE! THAT'S ANOTHER FINGER I MANAGED TO WORK LOOSE!

SO? WHAT HAPPENED? DID YOU WIN A GREEN COSTUME IN A RAFFLE, OR SOMETHING?

YOU'RE MOCKING ME, ARE YOU..?

"WELL, IT'S ALL RIGHT! YOU MAY HAVE YOUR LITTLE JOKE! IT'S THE LAST YOU'LL EVER ENJOY! AS FOR ME, I STILL REMEMBER THAT FATEFUL NIGHT... WHEN IT HAPPENED..."

THESE NOTES OF STROMM'S... WHICH I FOUND IN HIS DESK... CONTAIN SOME NEW, STRANGE-LOOKING FORMULAS!

SINCE HE'S IN PRISON NOW, I'LL CHECK THEM OUT! IF THEY'RE WORTH ANYTHING, I'LL BE ABLE TO CASH IN ON THEM!

"AND THEN, HARRY CAME IN...BUT I COULDN'T BE BOTHERED WITH HIM AT A TIME LIKE THAT..."

DAD, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN? IT'S PARENTS' NIGHT AT MY SCHOOL THIS EVENING! WE SHOULD BE THERE BY NOW!

FORGET IT, SON! I CAN'T MAKE IT NOW! YOU GO ON AHEAD...MAYBE I'LL GET THERE BEFORE IT'S OVER!

BUT, I THOUGHT...!

I SAID FORGET IT!

"IT'S A GOOD THING I DIDN'T GO...BECAUSE, IF I HAD...I MIGHT NEVER HAVE BECOME THE GREEN GOBLIN!"

"INSTEAD, I STAYED AND WORKED THROUGH THE NIGHT... HOUR AFTER HOUR... UNTIL, JUST BEFORE DAWN..."

THE SOLUTION IS TURNING GREEN! BUT... WHY? WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

IT'S BEGINNING TO BUBBLE...TO FROTH... AND THAT SOUND... IT'S STEAMING...!



"AND THEN ... A SECOND LATER ... THE WORLD EXPLODED BEFORE ME ...!"

# WHOOOM!

"I WAS IN THE HOSPITAL FOR WEEKS, AS THE BEST SURGEONS IN THE STATE WORKED NIGHT AND DAY TO SAVE MY LIFE!"

THE DAMAGE IS DEEP WITHIN HIS **BRAIN!** BUT...THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN REACH IT!



AT LEAST WE'VE SAVED HIS **LIFE!** HIS RECOVERY SHOULD BE RAPID NOW!

"THE **FOOLS!** THEY THOUGHT MY BRAIN HAD BEEN **DAMAGED!** THEY DIDN'T SUSPECT THAT THE ACCIDENT MADE ME MORE **BRILLIANT** THAN I HAD EVER **BEEN!** NO ONE SUSPECTED... NOT EVEN MY SON!"

YOU MAY SEE YOUR FATHER NOW...



POOR DAD! IT'S ALL MY FAULT! HE MUST HAVE BEEN OVERWORKED, TIRED...TRYING TO EARN ENOUGH MONEY TO SUPPORT ME!

"BUT, I HAD NO **PATIENCE** WITH HARRY...OR WITH **ANYBODY!** I WANTED TO BE ALONE...TO THINK... TO **PLAN!** SO, A FEW DAYS LATER..."

GO DOWNSTAIRS AND CALL A **TAXI!** I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!



AND GET THAT **HANG-DOG** LOOK OFF YOUR FACE! IT **BOTHERS** ME!

HOW DID SOMEONE LIKE **ME** EVER HAVE A **SNIVELLING** WEAKLING OF A SON LIKE **YOU?!!**

DAD... WHAT'S **WRONG?** WHY ARE YOU **ANGRY** AT ME? WHA... WHAT HAVE I **DONE?**

YOU HAVEN'T DONE **ANYTHING!** THAT'S THE **TROUBLE!** YOU'RE A **SPINELESS** JELLYFISH... LIKE EVERYONE **ELSE!**



NOW BE **QUIET!** I'VE GOT TO **CONCENTRATE!**

"ALTHOUGH NOBODY **KNEW** IT, MY ACCIDENT HAD MADE ME THINK **CLEARER** THAN EVER BEFORE! SUDDENLY, A **DARING** PLAN TOOK SHAPE IN MY MIND..."

I'M STRONGER... SMARTER... **TOUGHER** THAN ANYONE ELSE! AND I HAVE ALL SORTS OF **SCIENTIFIC** DEVICES IN MY **CHEMICAL** COMPANY THAT I CAN **USE!**



I COULD BECOME THE **GREATEST** **COSTUMED** **CRIMINAL** OF ALL TIME !!

"THE IDEA BECAME AN **OBSESSION** WITH ME! IT HAUNTED ME NIGHT AND DAY! I KNEW I HAD TO **DO** IT! AND SO, MANY MONTHS LATER..."

THE **FACE** IS PERFECT! NOW TO DESIGN THE **REST** OF THE **COSTUME!**



I'LL MAKE IT MY FAVORITE **COLOR...** **GREEN!**



"AND SO...AT LAST..THE **GREEN GOBLIN** WAS BORN!!"

NOW FOR MY FIRST  
VICTIM...

THE AMAZING  
SPIDER-MAN  
HIMSELF!



I SELECTED YOU BECAUSE  
I KNEW THE UNDERWORLD  
WOULD RESPECT ANYONE WHO  
COULD **DEFEAT** YOU! BUT,  
YOU **THWARTED** ME DURING  
OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER!

I'M AWFULLY SORRY  
TO HAVE BEEN SO  
UNCOOPERATIVE!



I'M STILL NOWHERE  
WITH THESE COILS!!  
HOW MUCH LONGER  
CAN I KEEP HIM TALKING?

BUT NOW, THE TIME HAS COME FOR THE **GREEN GOBLIN** TO ACHIEVE HIS GREATEST **TRIUMPH**!

I'VE WAITED MONTHS FOR  
THIS SUPREME MOMENT...  
FOR THIS VICTORY WHICH  
FATE COULD NEVER **DENY**  
ME!



I CAN'T GIVE UP NOW..  
I **MUSTN'T**! FOR THE  
SAKE OF **AUNT MAY**!  
BUT.. THE STEEL ALLOY  
IS TOO **STRONG**..I..I  
STILL CAN'T **SNAP** IT!!

HOW **FITTING** IT IS THAT  
THE FACE OF THE **GREEN GOBLIN** SHALL BE THE  
**LAST SIGHT** YOU'LL EVER  
BEHOLD... IN THIS  
LIFETIME!



HE WAS JUST A GREEDY, RUTHLESS **BUSINESSMAN**  
BEFORE HIS ACCIDENT... BUT THE **CHEMICAL** CHANGED  
HIM ... FOR THE WORSE!

BUT, I MUSTN'T LET  
THE END BE TOO  
**EASY** FOR YOU..!

NOW, WHAT DO I DO?  
HOW DO YOU REASON  
WITH.. A **MADMAN**?!!



FIRST, YOU MUST  
**SIT** THERE...  
HELPLESSLY...AND  
WONDER **HOW** I  
SHALL STRIKE...  
AND AT WHAT  
PRECISE **INSTANT**  
YOU'LL PERISH!



THEY SAY A MAN'S ENTIRE LIFE FLASHES BEFORE HIM IN A MOMENT OF DEADLY CRISIS! AND, SO IT IS WITH **PETER PARKER** ...

I'M NOT AFRAID TO DIE! I'VE FACED THE GRIM REAPER TOO MANY TIMES IN THE PAST! BUT, NEVER TO SEE **BETTY BRANT** AGAIN... NEVER TO BE ABLE TO EXPLAIN TO **AUNT MAY**...

**BEG, PARKER!**  
PLEAD FOR MERCY!  
WHY WON'T YOU **BEG**??

BUT, EVEN AS THE ANGUISHED YOUTH DESPERATELY CONTINUES TO STRAIN AGAINST HIS BONDS, TRYING TO SHUT OUT THE GOBLIN'S TAUNTS... AT A MODEST FRAME HOUSE IN FOREST HILLS, WE FIND...

OH, ANNA DEAR... I'M SO GLAD YOU COULD COME! I-I'M SO WORRIED!

NOW, NOW, MAY! YOU KNOW THE DOCTOR TOLD YOU THAT YOU MUSTN'T GET UPSET!

I'M SURE IT CAN'T BE ANYTHING SERIOUS!

BUT, PETER HAS NEVER STAYED AWAY SO LONG.. WITHOUT EVEN CALLING!

HE'S ALWAYS BEEN SUCH A GOOD BOY... BUT HE'S SO FRAIL! I KNOW SOMETHING MUST HAVE **HAPPENED**! I JUST **KNOW** IT!

**MAY PARKER!** I'M SURPRISED AT YOU! YOU GET **HOLD** OF YOURSELF THIS VERY MINUTE!

WHAT WOULD **PETER** SAY IF HE SAW YOU LIKE THIS?

HE'S PROBABLY OUT ON A DATE... HAVING A GOOD TIME... AND HE DOESN'T REALIZE HOW **LATE** IT IS!

EVEN MY **MARY JANE** HAS COME HOME LATE OCCASIONALLY!

BUT...I JUST CAN'T HELP WORRYING...!

**WAIT** A MINUTE! DOESN'T HE SOMETIMES SELL PHOTOGRAPHS TO **MR. JAMESON**, AT THE "DAILY BUGLE"?

PERHAPS HE'S AT **JAMESON'S** OFFICE RIGHT NOW! NEWSPAPER BUILDINGS STAY OPEN ALL NIGHT!

PLEASE, ANNA... YOU CALL! I-I'M TOO NERVOUS!

OF COURSE, DEAR! I'LL DO IT RIGHT NOW!

BUT, AFTER FINALLY GETTING PAST AN OVER-WORKED SECRETARY...

**NO!** PARKER **ISN'T** HERE! WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO BE... A **LOST AND FOUND** DEPARTMENT?!!

HE'S PROBABLY OUT STEALING HUBCAPS SOMEWHERE!

EMPTY-HEADED TEEN-AGERS! THEY'RE ALL **ALIKE**!

**MISS BROWN!!** COME IN HERE... WITH YOUR **NOTEBOOK**!

I WANT TO DICTATE AN **EDITORIAL** ABOUT HOW THE YOUNGER GENERATION'S GOING TO THE **DOGS**!

THEN I'LL DO ONE ABOUT THE **OLDER** GENERATION, TOO!

MIGHT AS WELL BLAST **EVERYONE**!

**SLAM!**

AND, AFTER MRS. WATSON HAS GIVEN MAY PARKER THE NEWS...AS GENTLY AS POSSIBLE...

YOU **MUSTN'T** WORRY, DEAR! THERE ARE SO MANY **OTHER** PLACES HE MIGHT BE!

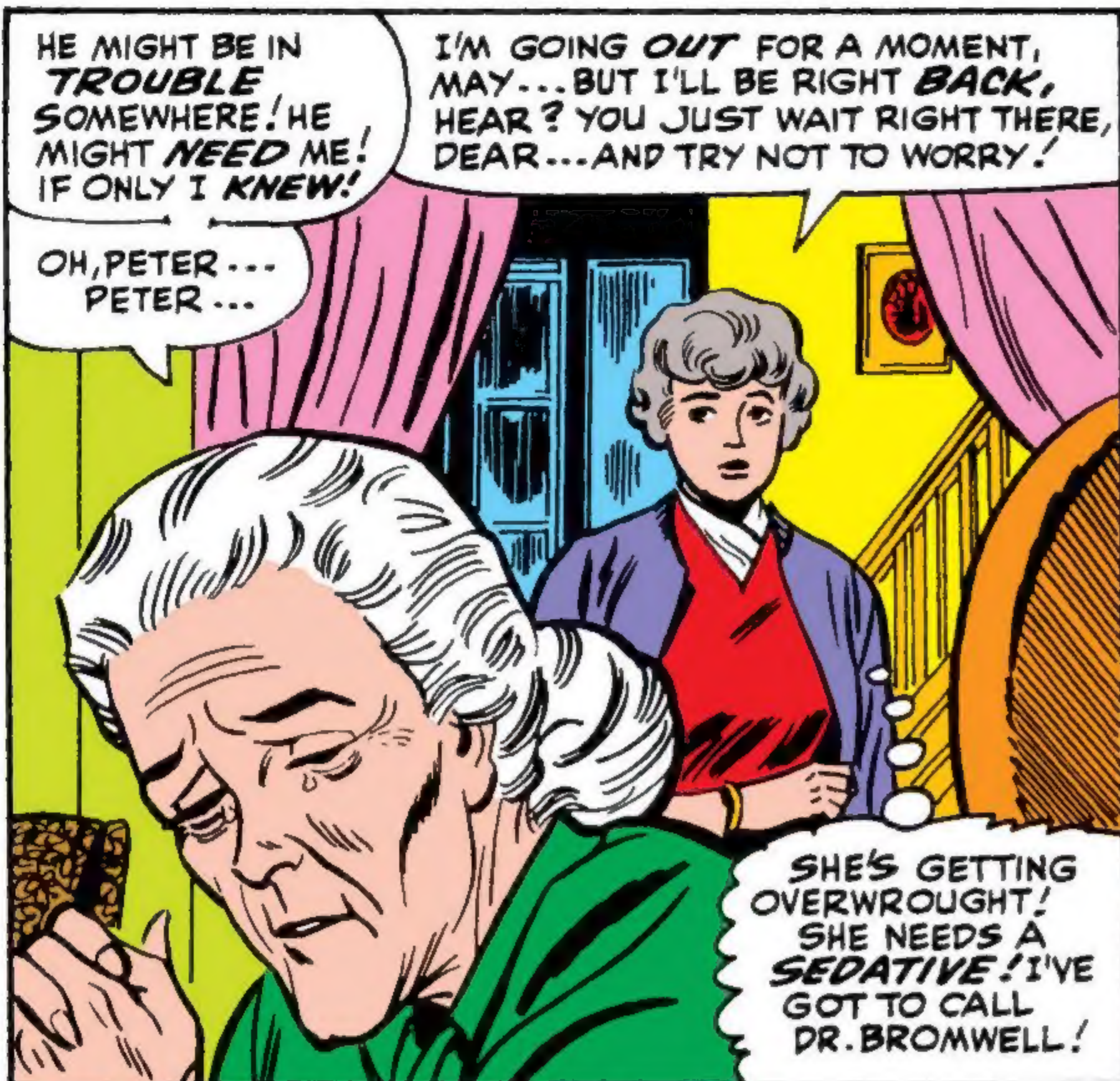
ANNA...YOU DON'T **KNOW** PETER THE WAY I DO!

HE'S THE MOST **CONSIDERATE** BOY IN THE WORLD!

HE'D **NEVER** STAY OUT LATE WITHOUT **CALLING** ME!

...UNLESS...SOME-THING'S **HAPPENED**...!





HE MIGHT BE IN **TROUBLE** SOMEWHERE! HE MIGHT **NEED** ME! IF ONLY I **KNEW**!

I'M GOING **OUT** FOR A MOMENT, MAY... BUT I'LL BE RIGHT **BACK**, HEAR? YOU JUST WAIT RIGHT THERE, DEAR...AND TRY NOT TO WORRY!

OH, PETER...  
PETER...

SHE'S GETTING OVERWROUGHT! SHE NEEDS A **SEDATIVE**! I'VE GOT TO CALL DR. BROMWELL!



I **MUST** RETURN TO NEW YORK! I REALIZE NOW THAT A GIRL CAN NEVER RUN FROM A DECISION..

NO MATTER **HOW** PAINFUL IT MAY BE!



THIS IS **ART ROBERTS**, AT STATION **WLS** IN CHICAGO, WONDERING WHY NOTHING HAS BEEN HEARD OF **SPIDER-MAN** THESE PAST FEW DAYS...

**SPIDER-MAN!!** THE MASKED ADVENTURER WHOM PETER ADMIRES! HOW I HATE THE VERY SOUND OF HIS NAME!

HE REPRESENTS EVERYTHING I DREAD...  
**DANGER... UNCERTAINTY... AND FEAR!**

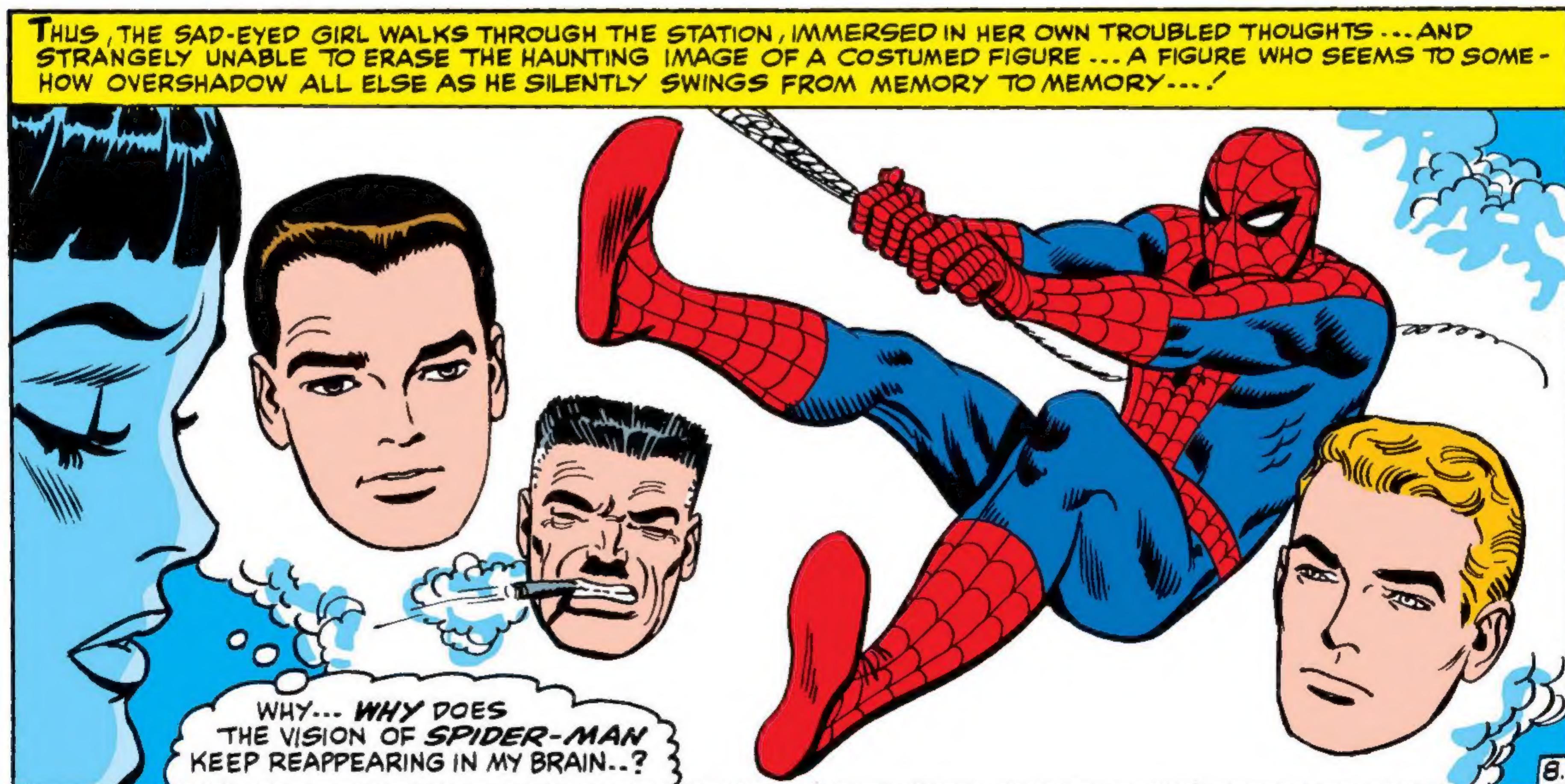


BUT, WHY DWELL ON SPIDER-MAN WHEN I HAVE A FAR **BIGGER** PROBLEM!?

IF I RETURN TO THE **DAILY BUGLE**, WILL MR. JAMESON GIVE ME MY OLD JOB BACK?

AND, IF HE DOES.. WHAT WILL IT BE LIKE, SEEING **PETER PARKER** AND **NED LEEDS** AGAIN?

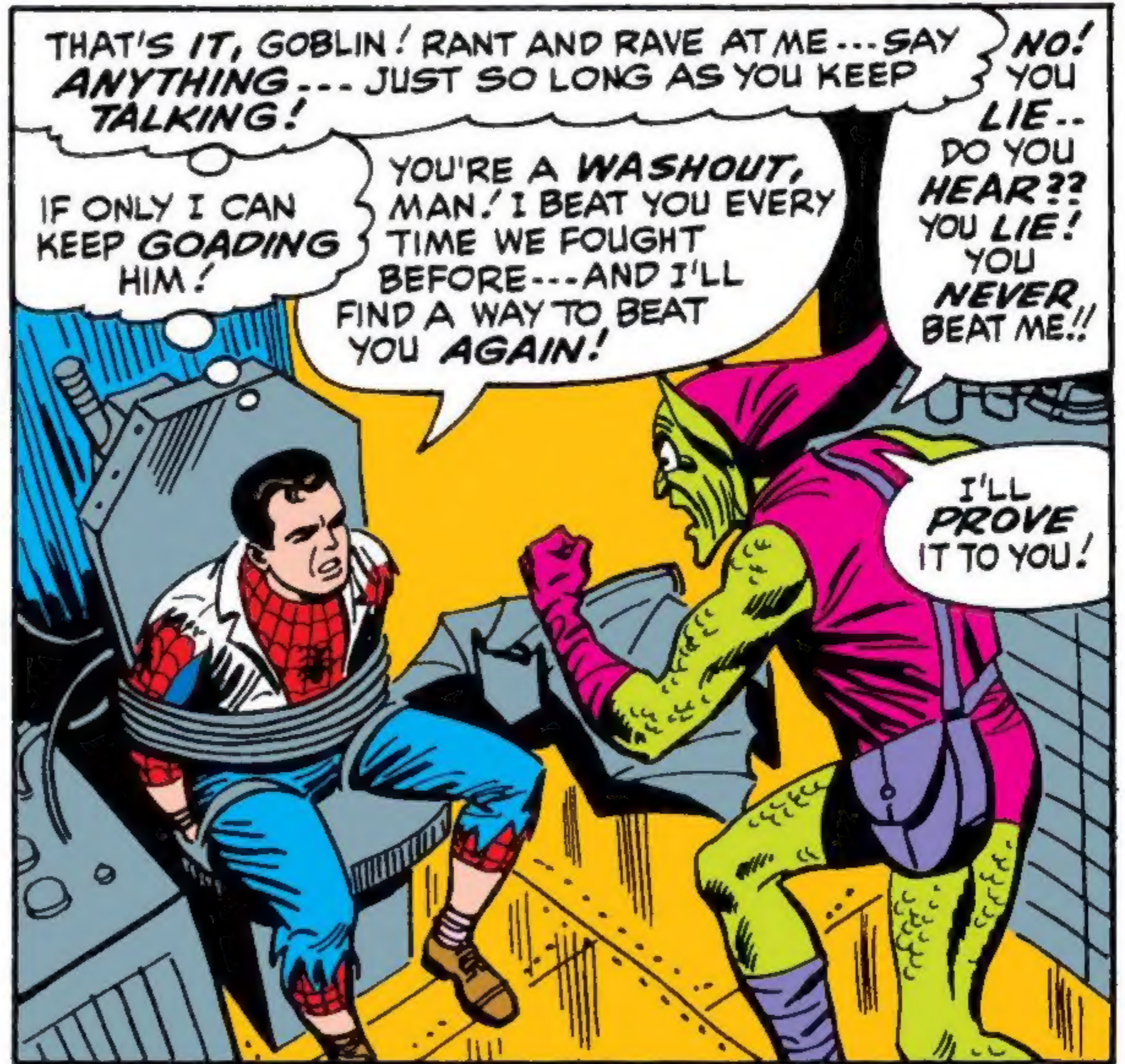
AND, WHAT WILL THEY SAY WHEN THEY SEE **ME**? WILL THERE STILL BE A PLACE IN THEIR LIVES FOR... **BETTY BRANT**?



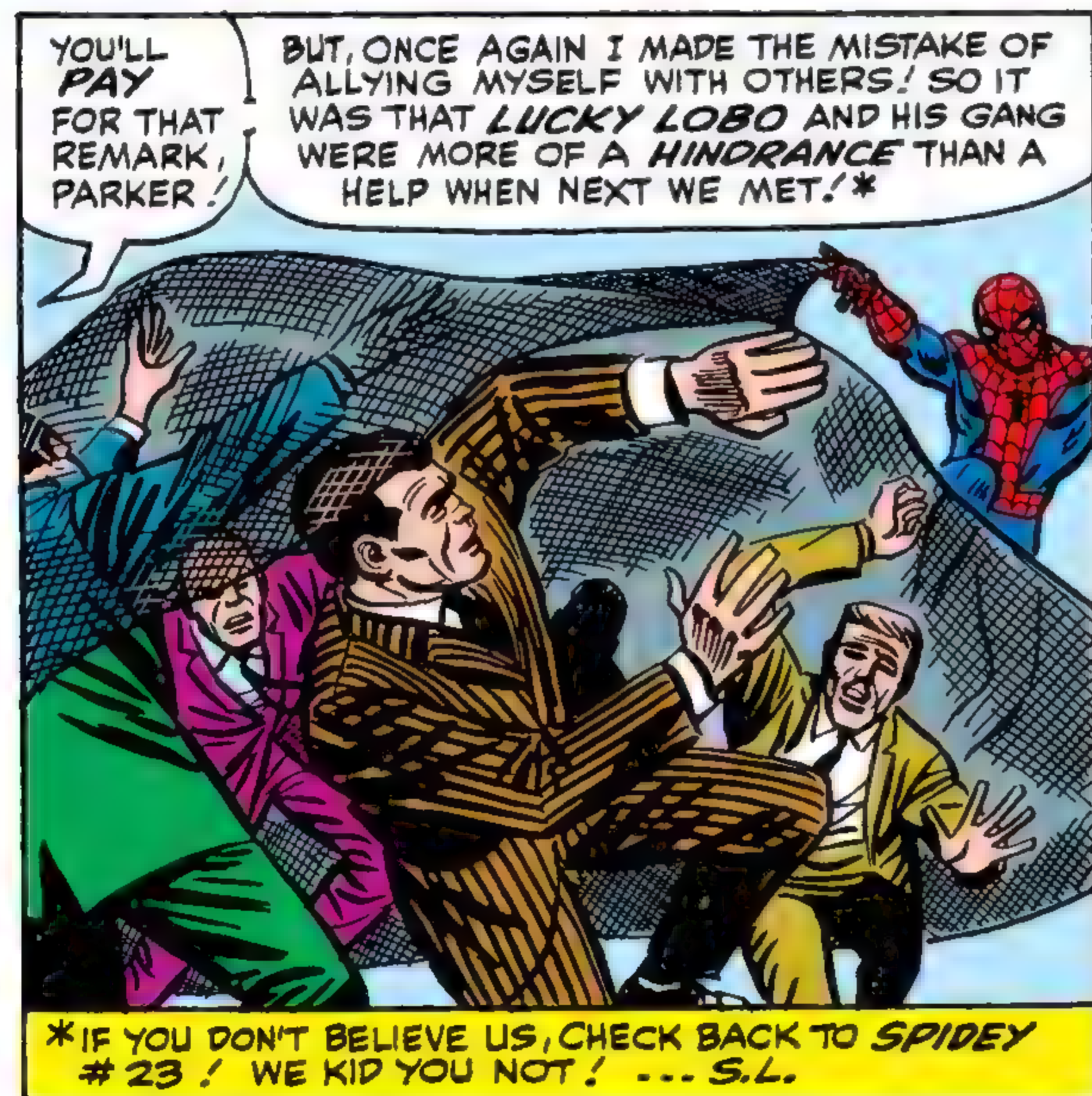
THUS, THE SAD-EYED GIRL WALKS THROUGH THE STATION, IMMERSED IN HER OWN TROUBLED THOUGHTS ... AND STRANGELY UNABLE TO ERASE THE HAUNTING IMAGE OF A COSTUMED FIGURE ... A FIGURE WHO SEEMS TO SOMEHOW OVERSHADOW ALL ELSE AS HE SILENTLY SWINGS FROM MEMORY TO MEMORY...!

WHY... WHY DOES THE VISION OF **SPIDER-MAN** KEEP REAPPEARING IN MY BRAIN..?











AND NOW, THE **FINAL** REMEMBRANCE... BEFORE YOU MEET YOUR **END!**

DURING OUR MOST **RECENT** BATTLE, I HAD YOU COMPLETELY **BEATEN!** EVEN YOU CANNOT DENY THAT!

BUT, ONCE **AGAIN**, YOU WERE SAVED BY A STROKE OF FATE... IN THE GUISE OF THE **CRIME-MASTER!** \*



\*ALL TOGETHER NOW, CLASS: **"SPIDEY #27!"** SCHOLARLY STAN.

"THINKING HE WAS A MATCH FOR THE **GREEN GOBLIN**, THE MASKED FOOL DARED TO ATTACK ME... ONCE AGAIN GIVING YOU A CHANCE TO ESCAPE."

"YOU NEVER **WERE** ANY GOOD AS A FIGHTER, SPIDER-MAN!! YOU WERE MERELY **LUCKY!**"



"BUT, AS I FLEW OFF TO SAFETY, ON THAT FATEFUL DAY... ALLOWING YOU A FEW MONTHS MORE OF **LIFE**, I KNEW I WOULD AGAIN RETURN... WHEN YOU LEAST EXPECTED ME.. TO **FINISH** THE TASK I HAD SET FOR MYSELF.. NAMELY.."



"...THE COMPLETE AND UN-DENIABLE **DESTRUCTION** OF THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN!"

IT **WORKED!** I KEPT HIM TALKING LONG ENOUGH TO FREE **ONE HAND!** NOW, IT'LL JUST BE A MATTER OF **SECONDS** TO RIP THE **OTHER** COILS AWAY...!

SO! YOU'RE STILL STRUGGLING WITH YOUR BONDS, ARE YOU? I CAN TELL BY THE WAY YOUR **MUSCLES** ARE TENSED BENEATH YOUR SHIRT!



WELL, I'LL MAKE IT **EASY** FOR YOU... SINCE YOU'RE ALREADY **DOOMED!**

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN AN **EMPTY VICTORY** TO DEFEAT A FOE WHO IS HELPLESSLY SHACKLED!

THEREFORE, I'LL **SET YOU FREE!** I'LL **PROVE** I'M YOUR MASTER!

YOUR FINAL THOUGHT... BEFORE THE **END** COMES... WILL BE THAT I GAVE YOU EVERY CHANCE... AND **STILL** I DEFEATED YOU.. UTTERLY AND **ETERNALLY!**

YOU FAST-TALKING **PHONY!** YOU **KNEW** I WAS ABOUT TO BREAK LOOSE **ANYWAY!** THAT'S WHY THE GRAND-STAND PLAY!

OKAY, PARKER! THIS MAY BE THE MOST FATEFUL FIGHT OF YOUR **LIFE!** SO DON'T FUMBLE THE BALL, FELLA... THERE'S TOO MUCH AT **STAKE!**

**RRRAKX!**





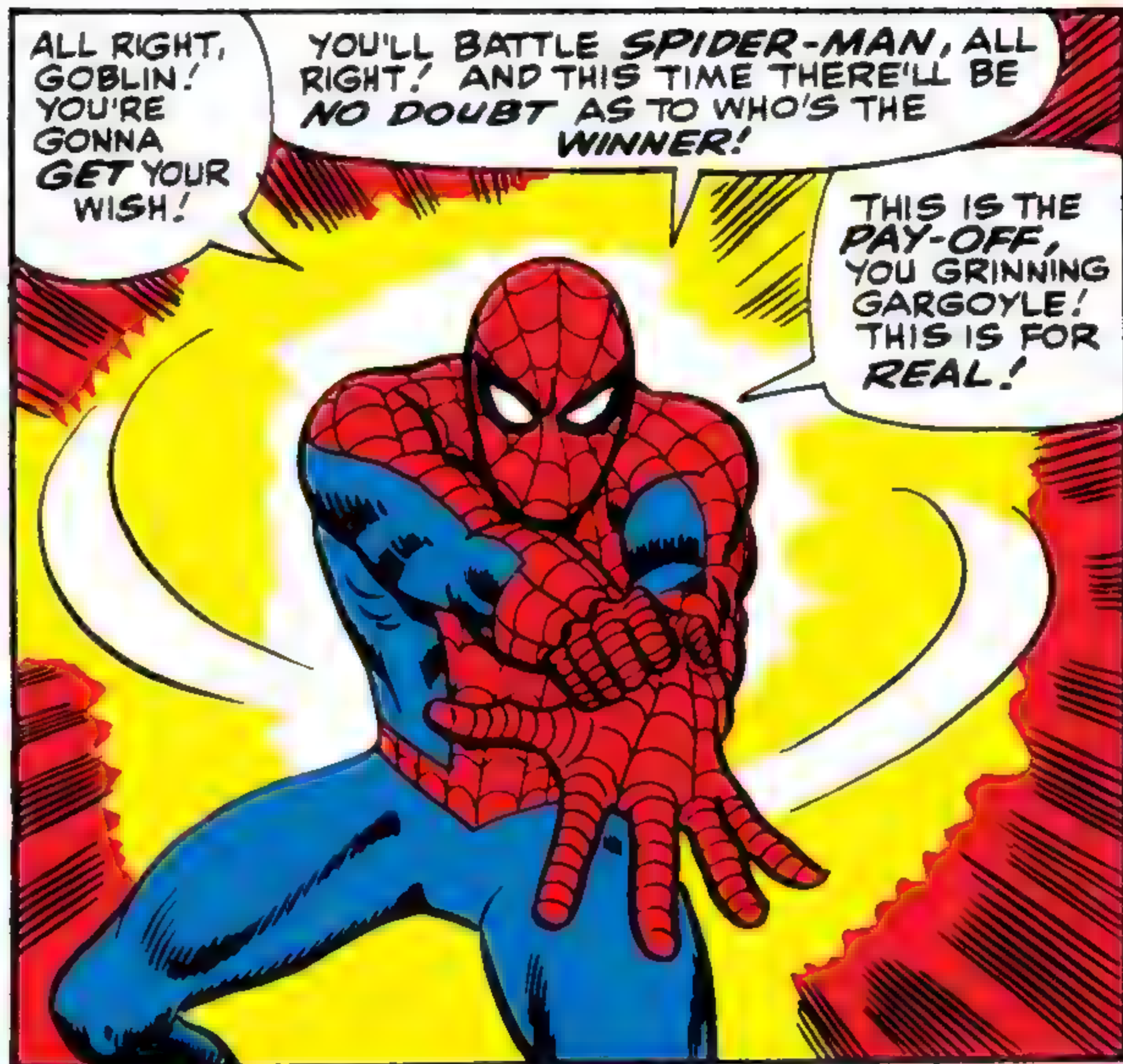


DON'T JUST **STAND** THERE, YOU **SNIVELLING** TEENAGED WASHOUT! PUT ON YOUR **COSTUME!**

HE REALLY THINKS HE CAN BEAT ME! HE KNOWS WE'RE GONNA FIGHT ON HIS HOME GROUNDS... WITH ALL THE ODDS IN **HIS FAVOR!**

DO YOU **HEAR ME?** I WANT TO DEFEAT YOU AS I'VE ALWAYS FOUGHT YOU... AS **SPIDER-MAN!**

OR SO HE THINKS!



ALL RIGHT, GOBLIN! YOU'RE GONNA **GET YOUR WISH!**

YOU'LL BATTLE **SPIDER-MAN**, ALL RIGHT! AND THIS TIME THERE'LL BE **NO DOUBT** AS TO WHO'S THE **WINNER!**

THIS IS THE **PAY-OFF**, YOU GRINNING GARGOYLE! THIS IS FOR **REAL!**



BUT THEN, BEFORE THE YOUTHFUL ADVENTURER CAN MAKE ANOTHER MOVE, HE'S HURLED BACK OFF HIS FEET BY THE STAGGERING IMPACT OF TWO RAPIDLY-TOSSED **STUN BOMBS...**

IT CERTAINLY IS FOR REAL... JUST AS THESE LITTLE **GOBLIN GOODIES** ARE FOR REAL!

AND, THIS IS ONLY THE **BEGINNING!!**

I SHOULD HAVE **KNOWN!** HE WON'T MAKE IT **HAND-TO-HAND** IF HE CAN **HELP IT!**



THOSE WERE JUST WARM-UP STUNNERS... TO GET YOU IN THE **MOOD!**

THIS IS THE ONE THAT **COUNTS!** THIS IS MY SPECIAL **ANTI-SPIDER-MAN EXPLOSIVE!**

NICE TRY, GOBBY... BUT I'M NOT EXACTLY THE **HELPLESS** TYPE MYSELF!

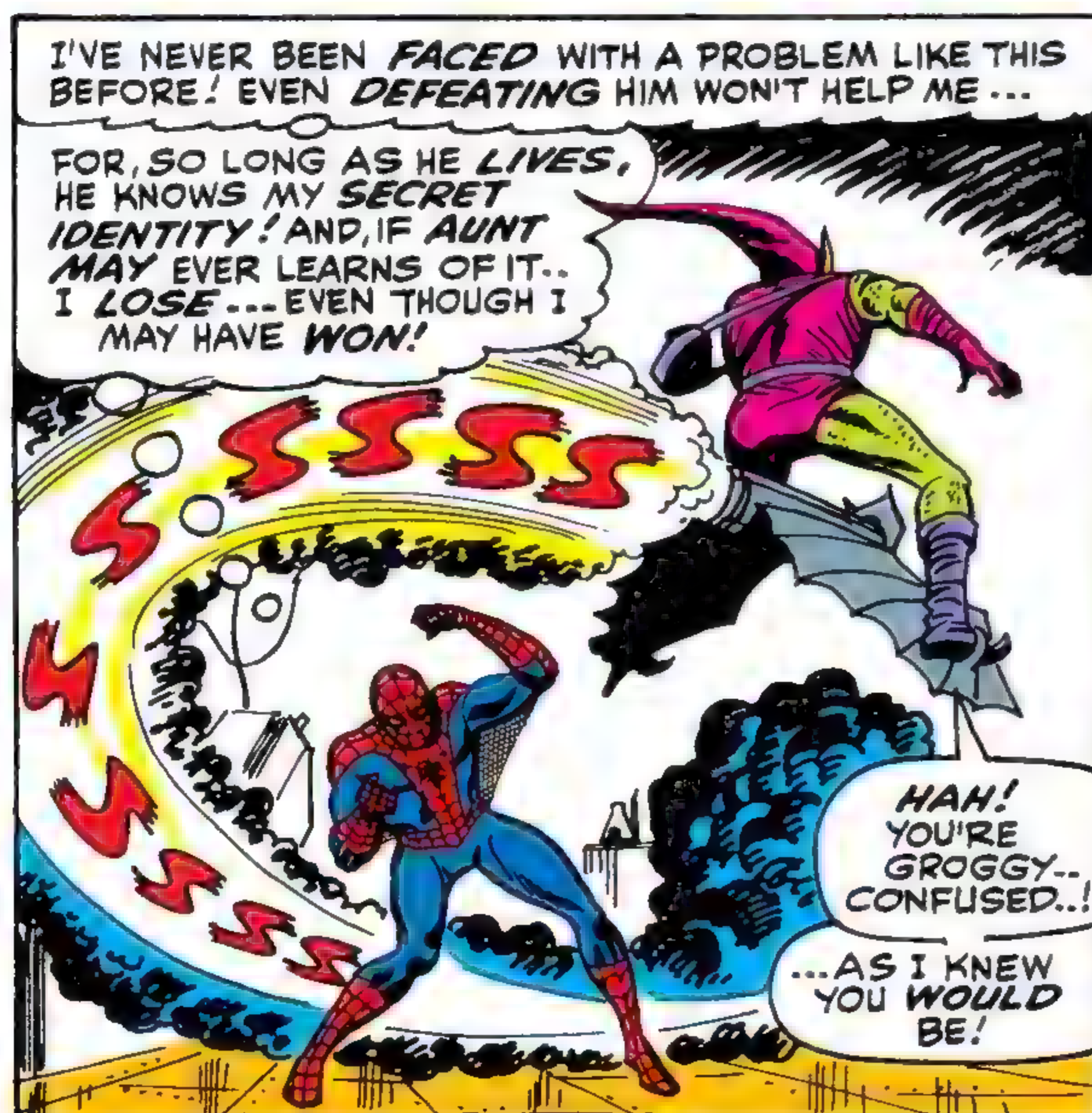
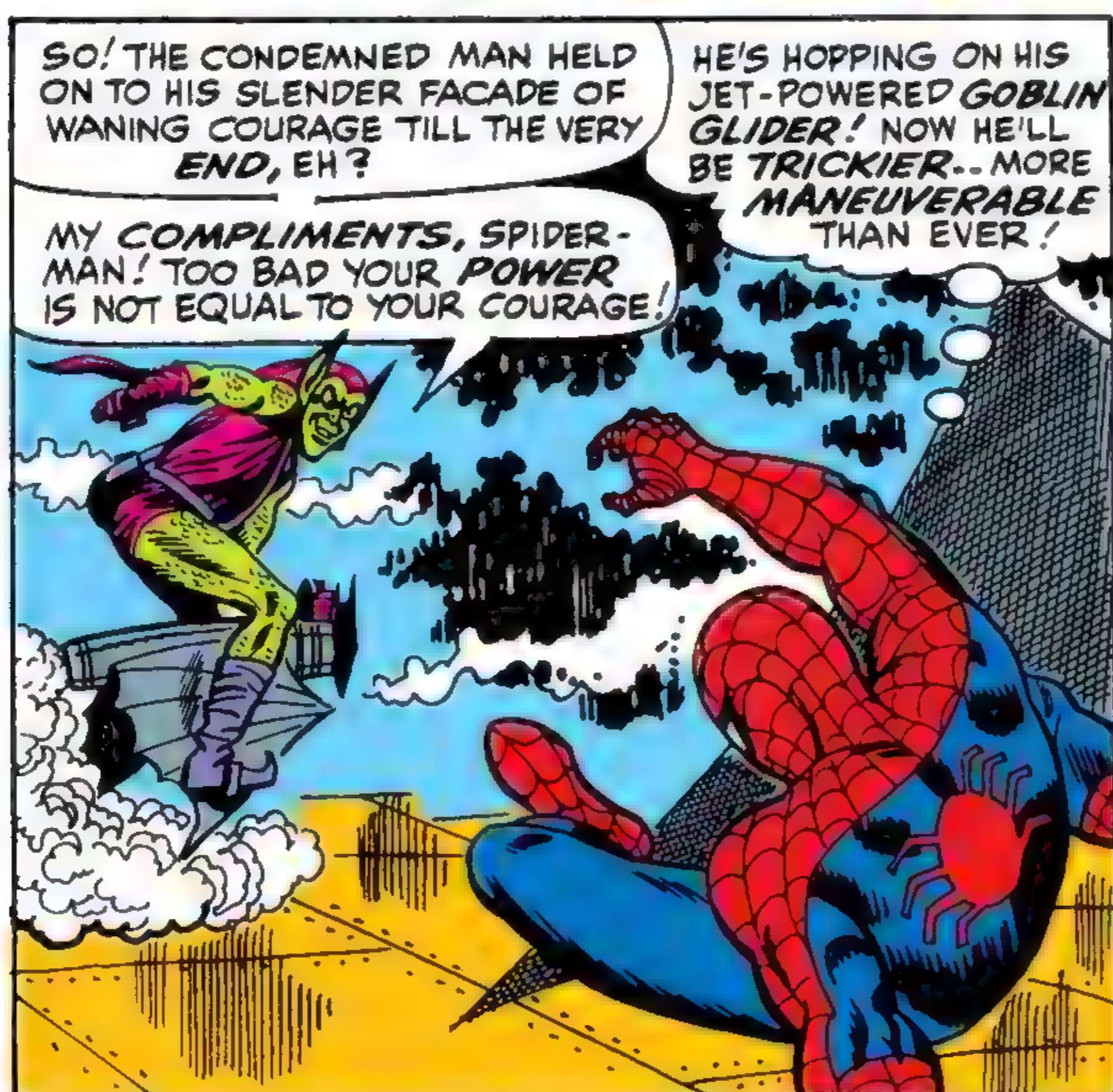
THAT ACCURSED **WEBBING** OF YOURS! HOW CAN YOU FORM IT SO **FAST?!!**



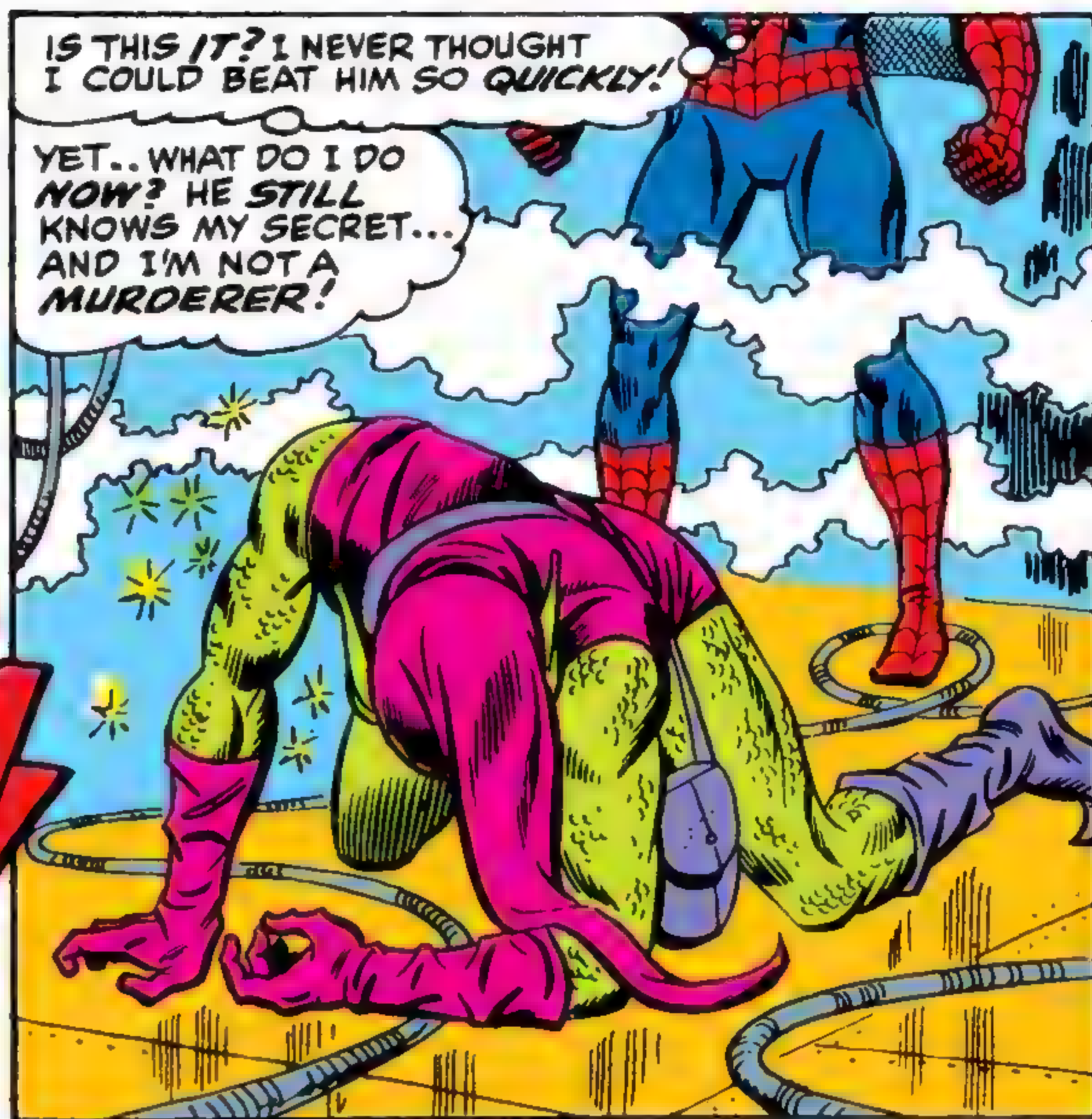
**FAST?** WHY SHUCKS... I'M JUST PLAYIN' IT COOL! YOU SHOULD SEE HOW **SPEEDY** I AM AGAINST A **REALLY DANGEROUS ENEMY!**

YOU **FOOL!** HURLING IT **BACK** WON'T HELP YOU! I CAN'T BE BEATEN BY MY OWN **WEAPONS!**

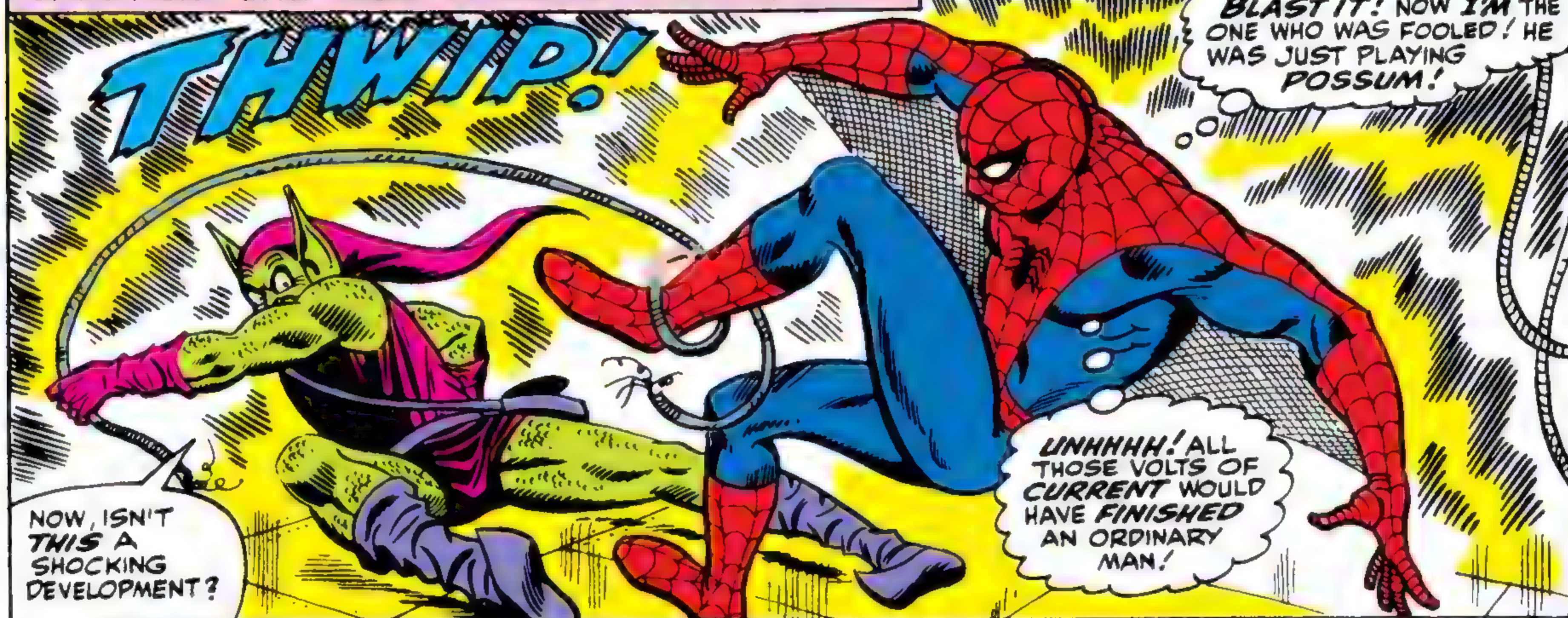




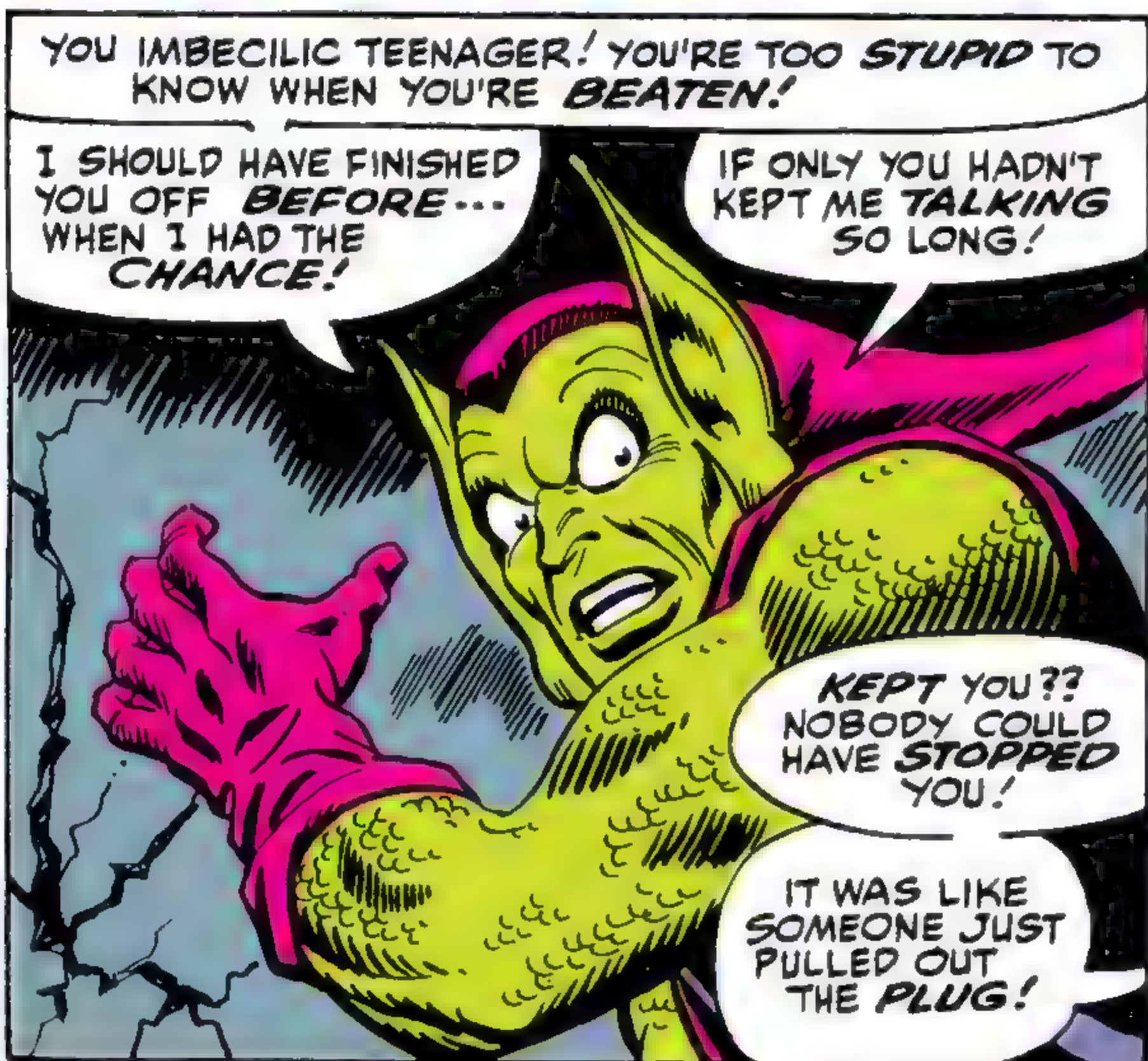
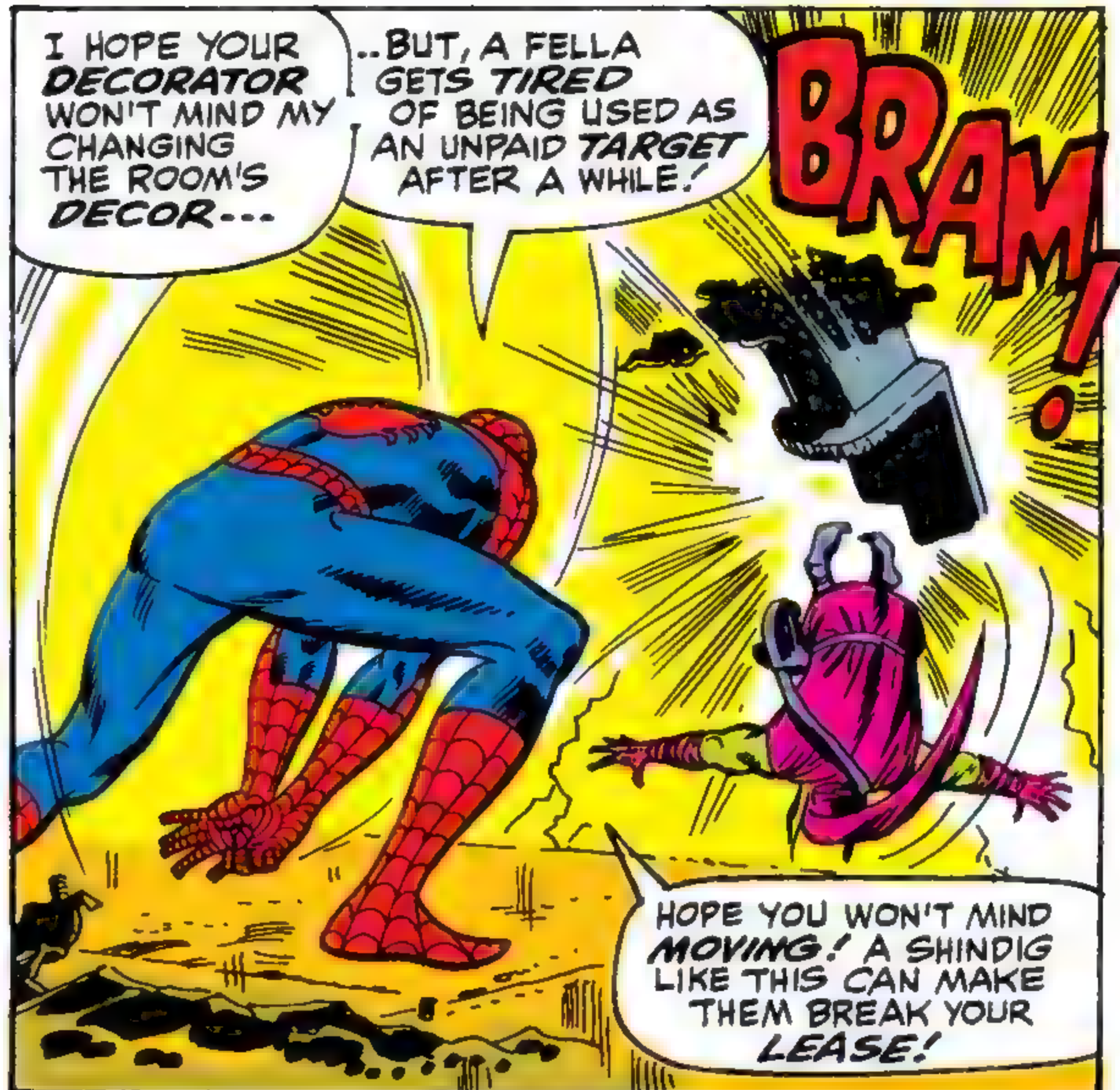




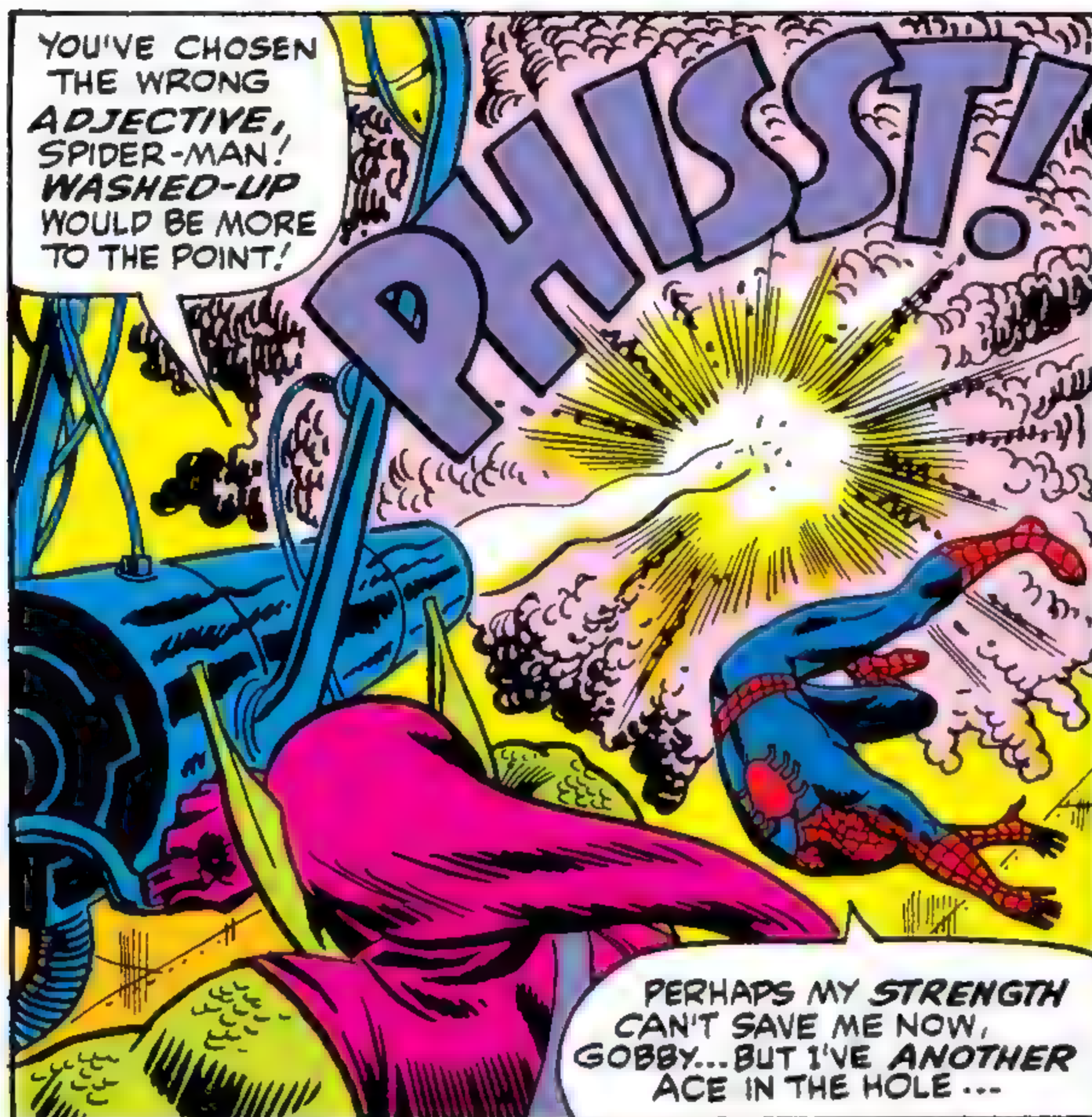
BUT THEN, MOVING WITH THE DEADLY SPEED OF A STRIKING BOA, THE SEEMINGLY DEFEATED GOBLIN SEIZES ONE OF HIS FALLEN LIVE WIRES IN AN INSULATED GLOVE, AND...



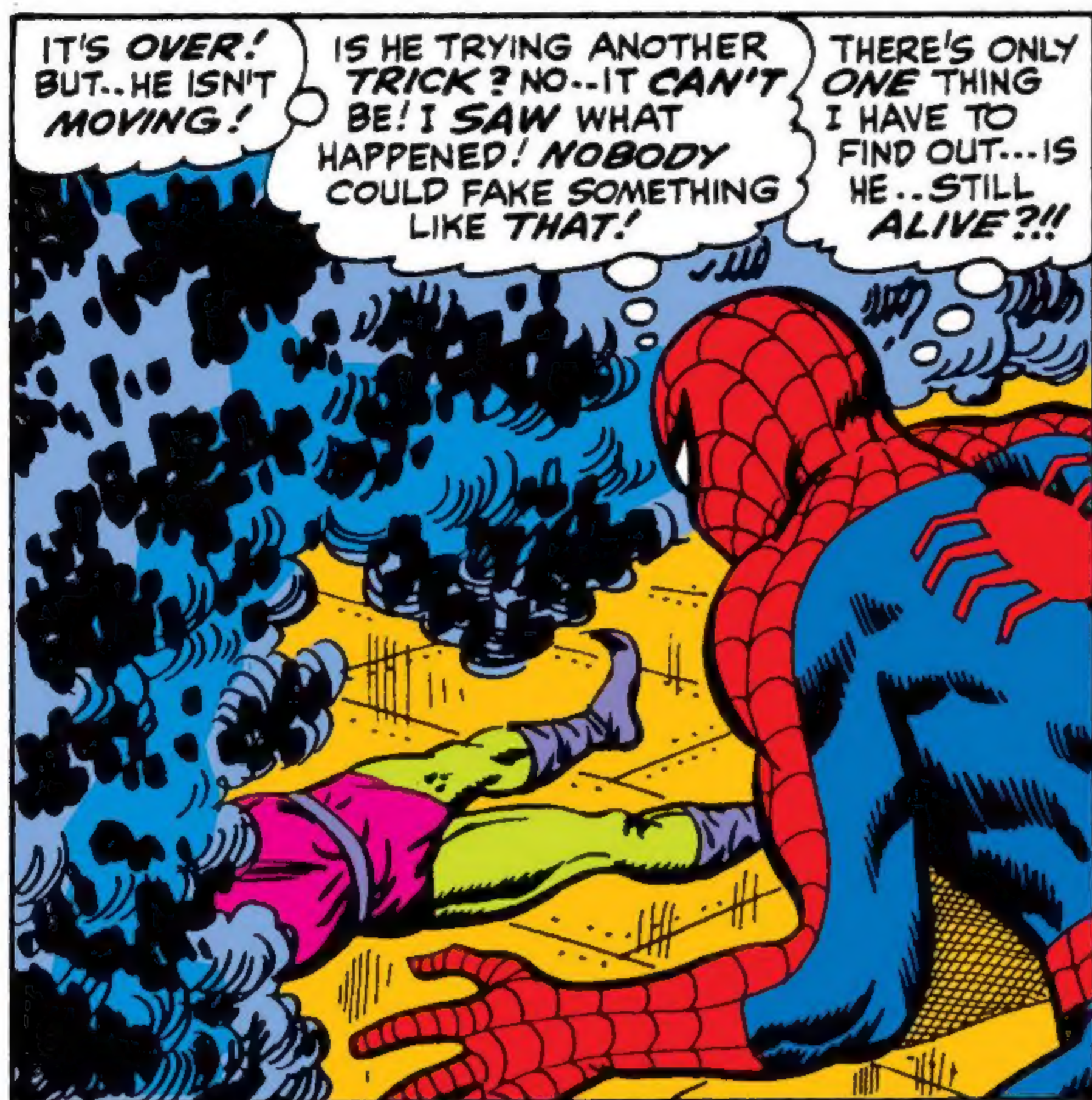












IT'S OVER!  
BUT...HE ISN'T  
MOVING!

IS HE TRYING ANOTHER  
TRICK? NO--IT CAN'T  
BE! I SAW WHAT  
HAPPENED! NOBODY  
COULD FAKE SOMETHING  
LIKE THAT!

THERE'S ONLY  
ONE THING  
I HAVE TO  
FIND OUT...IS  
HE...STILL  
ALIVE??!

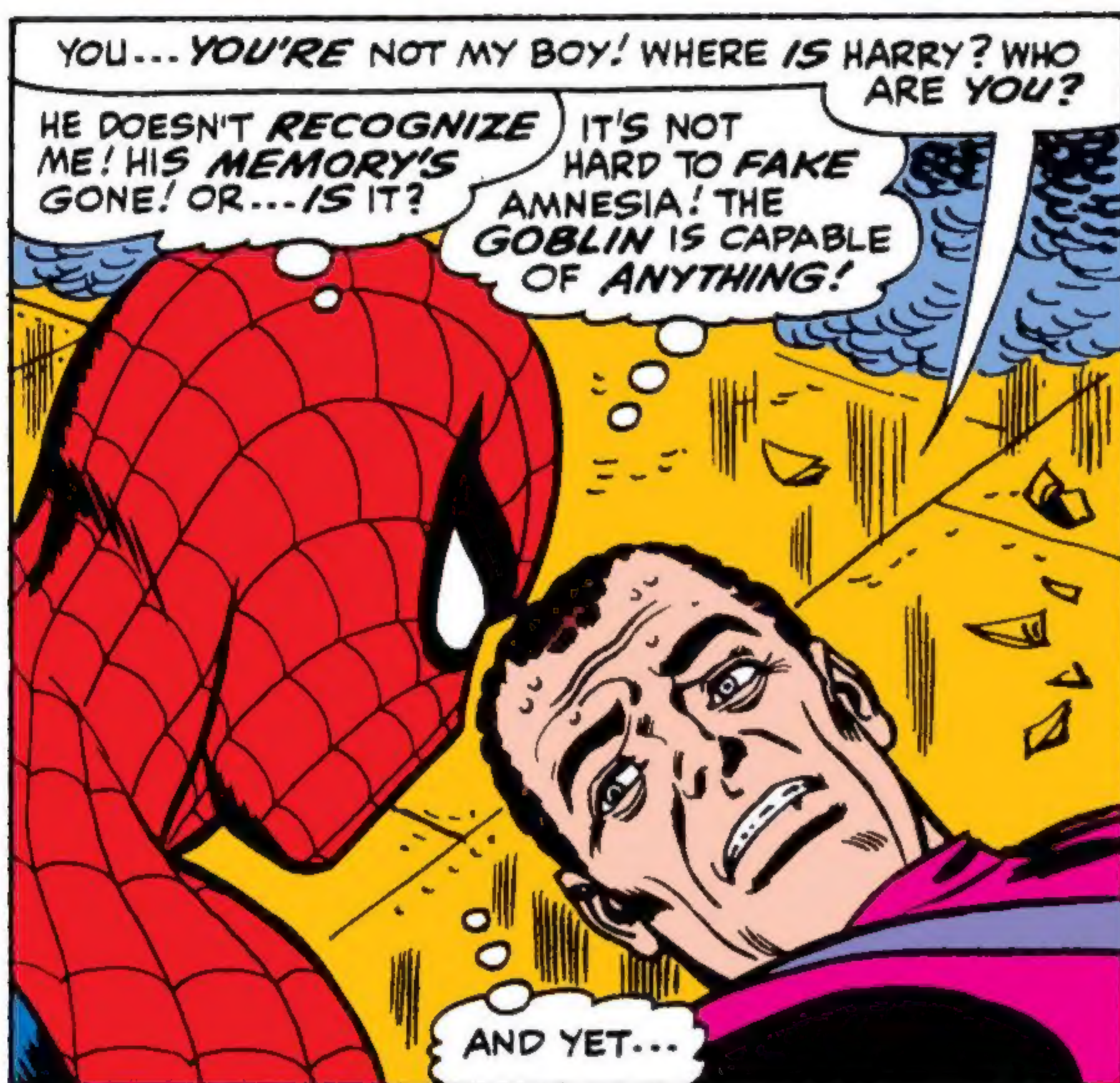


I FEEL A PULSE! HE'S STILL BREATHING! THANK  
HEAVEN I DIDN'T KILL HIM!

BUT...IT'S THE ONE RESULT  
I FEARED! I'VE CONCLUSIVELY  
DEFEATED HIM...YET, HOW CAN  
I PREVENT HIM FROM BETRAYING  
MY SECRET AFTER I'VE  
TURNED HIM OVER TO  
THE POLICE??

HE'S STARTING  
TO SPEAK! HE'S  
MUMBLING A NAME...

HARRY...  
MY SON...  
HARRY...!

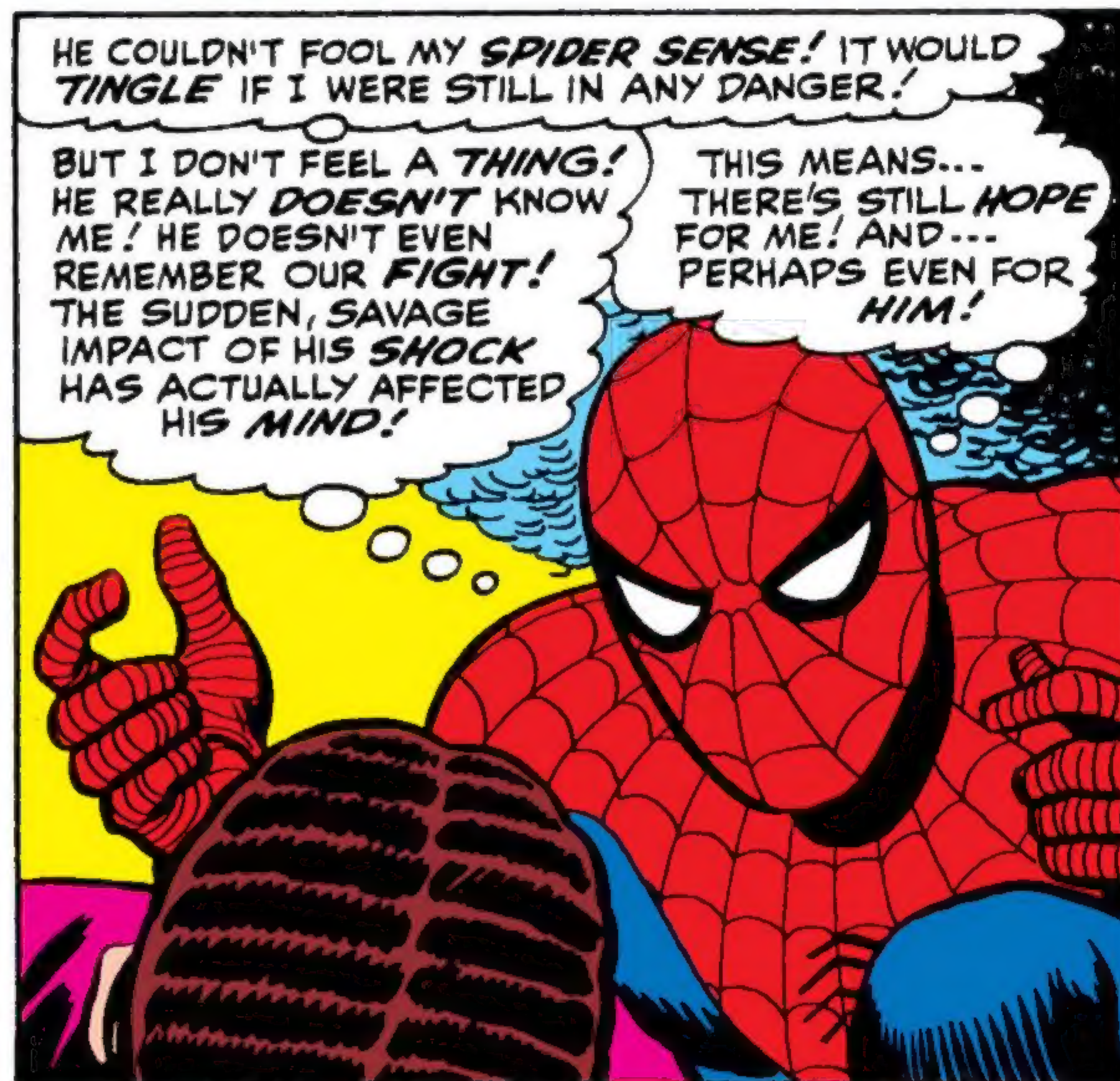


YOU... YOU'RE NOT MY BOY! WHERE IS HARRY? WHO  
ARE YOU?

HE DOESN'T RECOGNIZE  
ME! HIS MEMORY'S  
GONE! OR...IS IT?

IT'S NOT  
HARD TO FAKE  
AMNESIA! THE  
GOBLIN IS CAPABLE  
OF ANYTHING!

AND YET...



HE COULDN'T FOOL MY SPIDER SENSE! IT WOULD  
TINGLE IF I WERE STILL IN ANY DANGER!

BUT I DON'T FEEL A THING!  
HE REALLY DOESN'T KNOW  
ME! HE DOESN'T EVEN  
REMEMBER OUR FIGHT!  
THE SUDDEN, SAVAGE  
IMPACT OF HIS SHOCK  
HAS ACTUALLY AFFECTED  
HIS MIND!

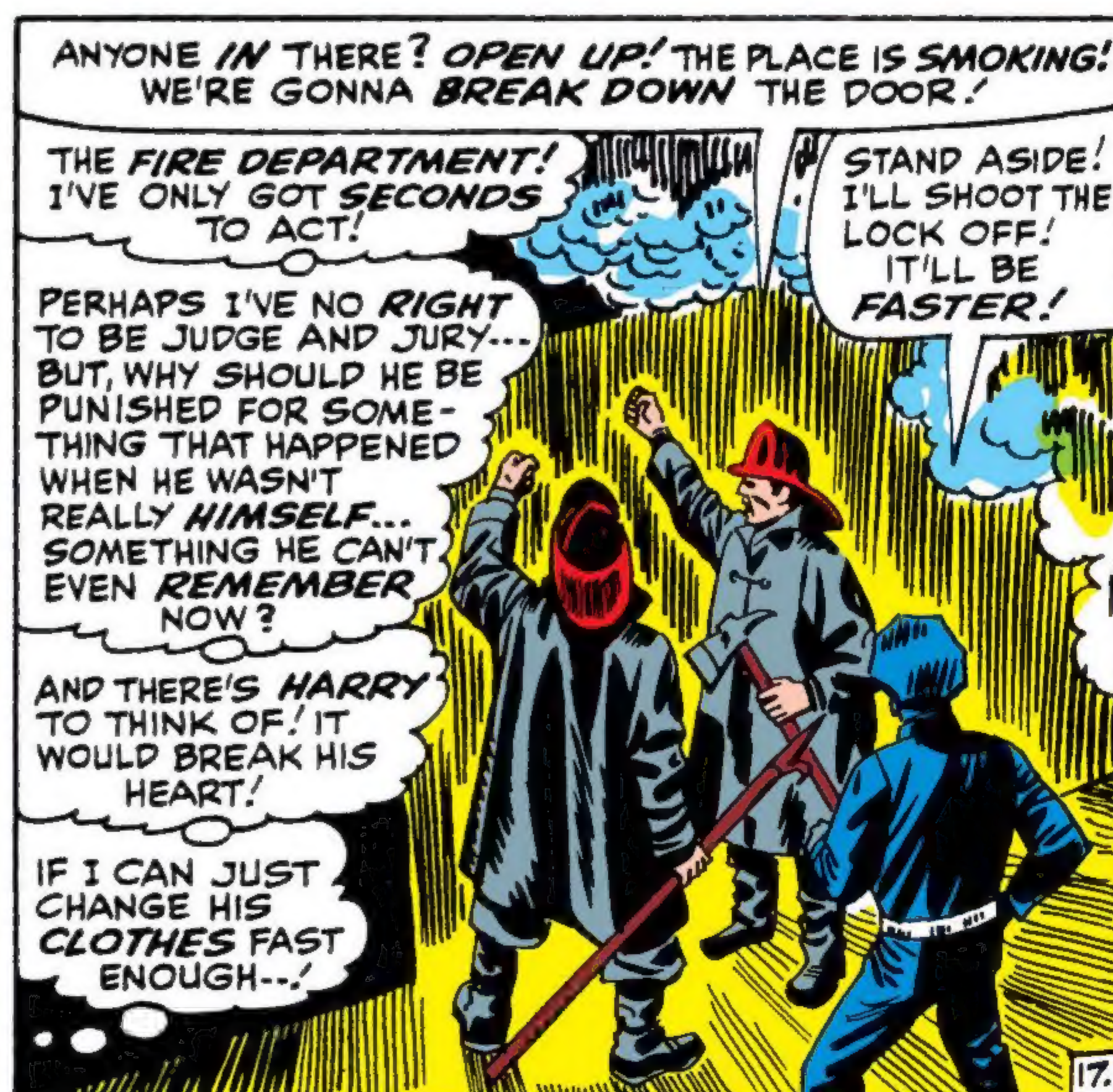
THIS MEANS...  
THERE'S STILL HOPE  
FOR ME! AND...  
PERHAPS EVEN FOR  
HIM!



WHY AM I WEARING THIS STRANGE COSTUME? WHERE  
AM I? I...I MUST SEE MY SON! I HAVE TO HELP HIM  
...WITH HIS BIO...!

IT'S INCREDIBLE! HE THINKS  
HARRY IS STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL!  
HIS MEMORY OF THE LAST FEW  
YEARS IS COMPLETELY GONE!

HE HAS NO  
KNOWLEDGE OF  
BEING THE GREEN  
GOBLIN!



ANYONE IN THERE? OPEN UP! THE PLACE IS SMOKING!  
WE'RE GONNA BREAK DOWN THE DOOR!

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT!  
I'VE ONLY GOT SECONDS  
TO ACT!

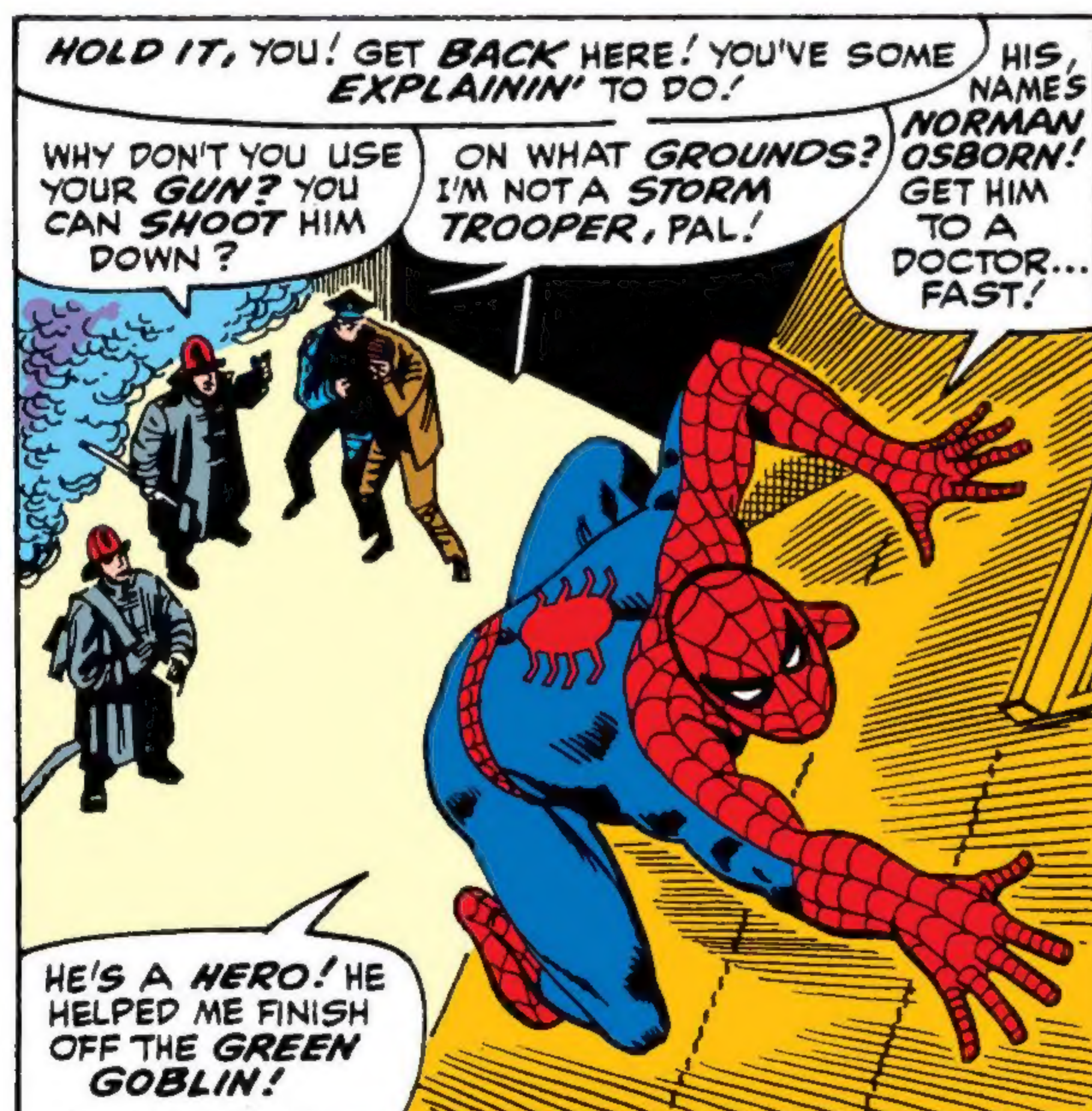
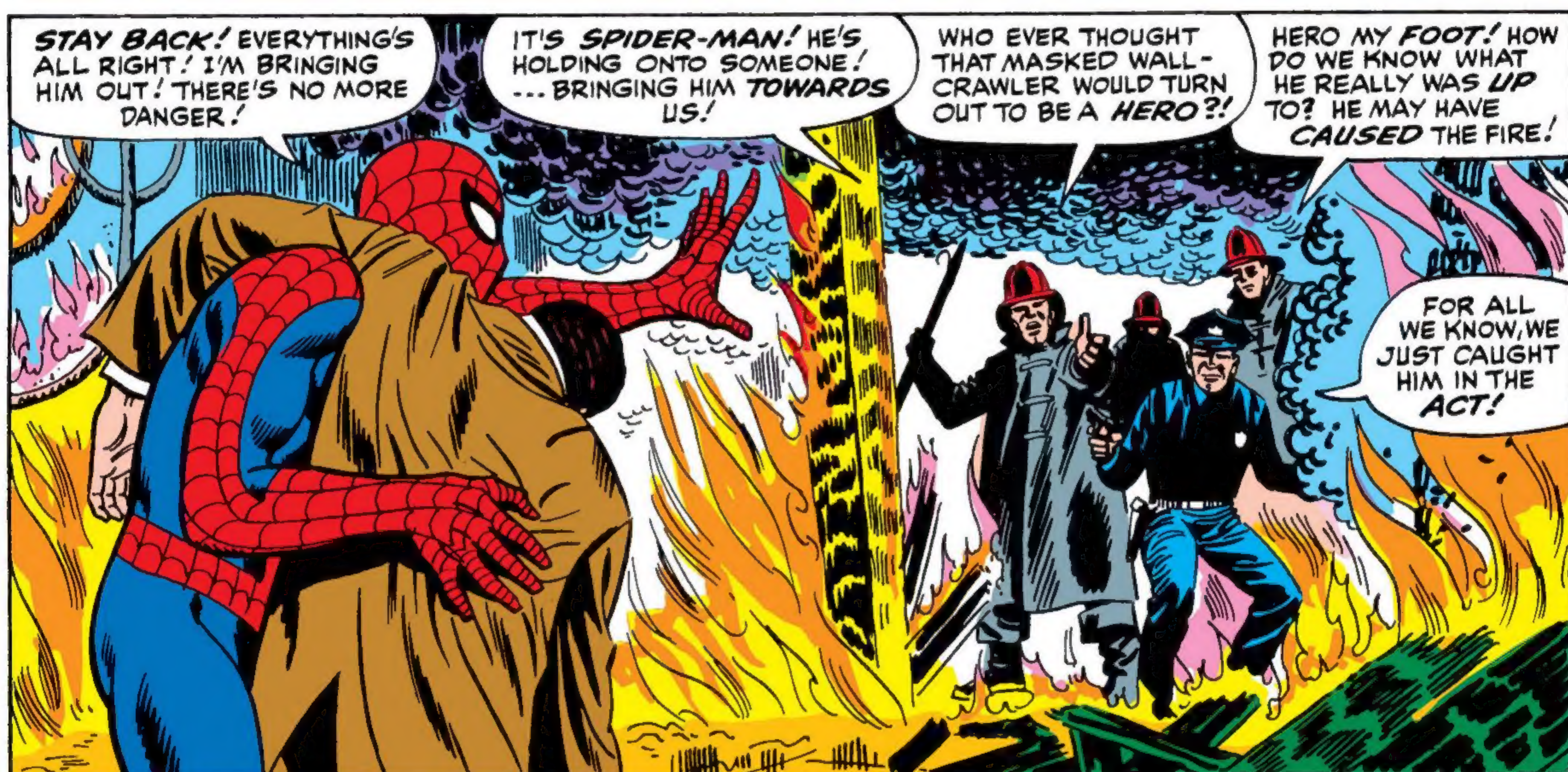
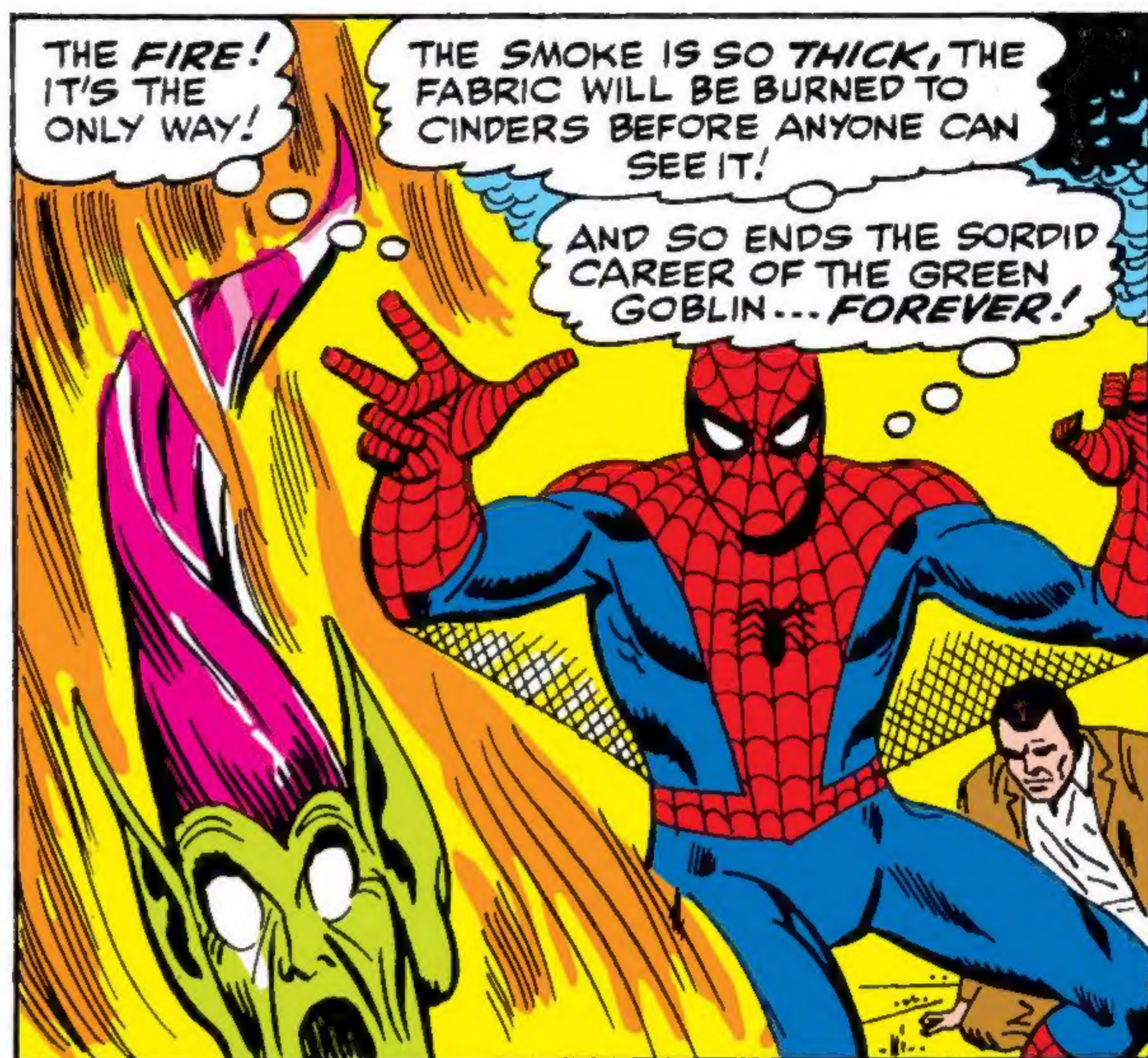
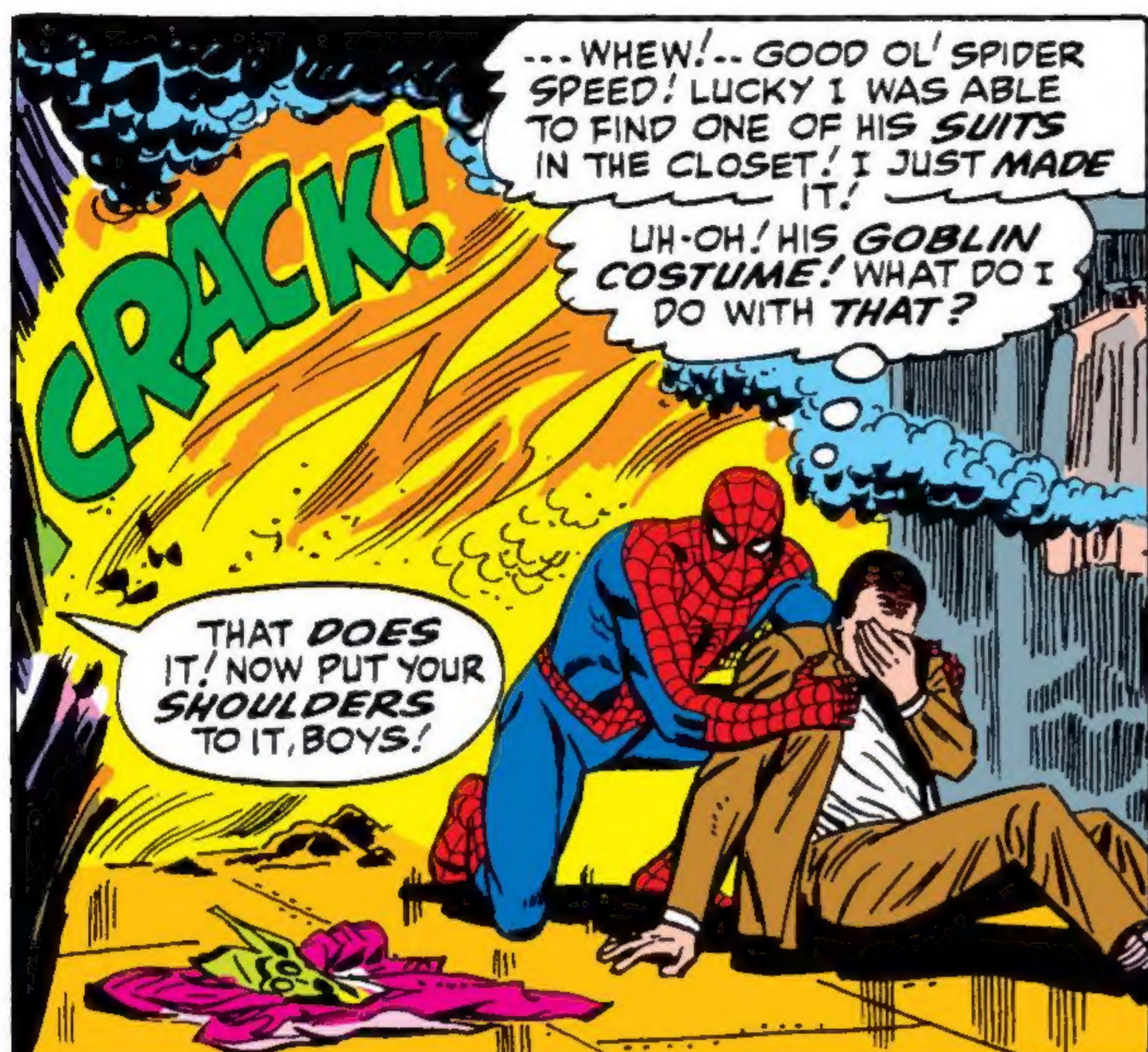
STAND ASIDE!  
I'LL SHOOT THE  
LOCK OFF!  
IT'LL BE  
FASTER!

PERHAPS I'VE NO RIGHT  
TO BE JUDGE AND JURY...  
BUT, WHY SHOULD HE BE  
PUNISHED FOR SOME-  
THING THAT HAPPENED  
WHEN HE WASN'T  
REALLY HIMSELF...  
SOMETHING HE CAN'T  
EVEN REMEMBER  
NOW?

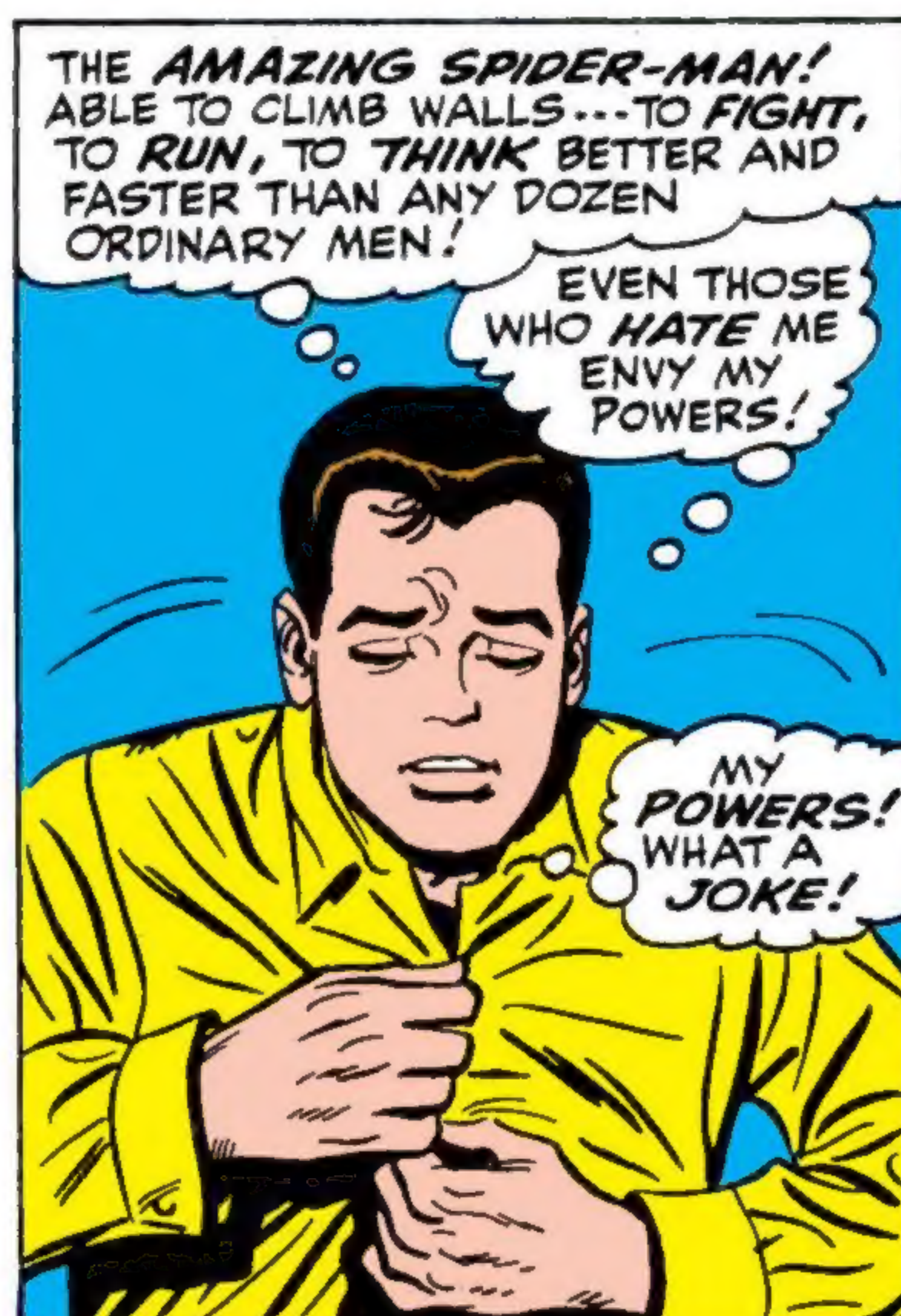
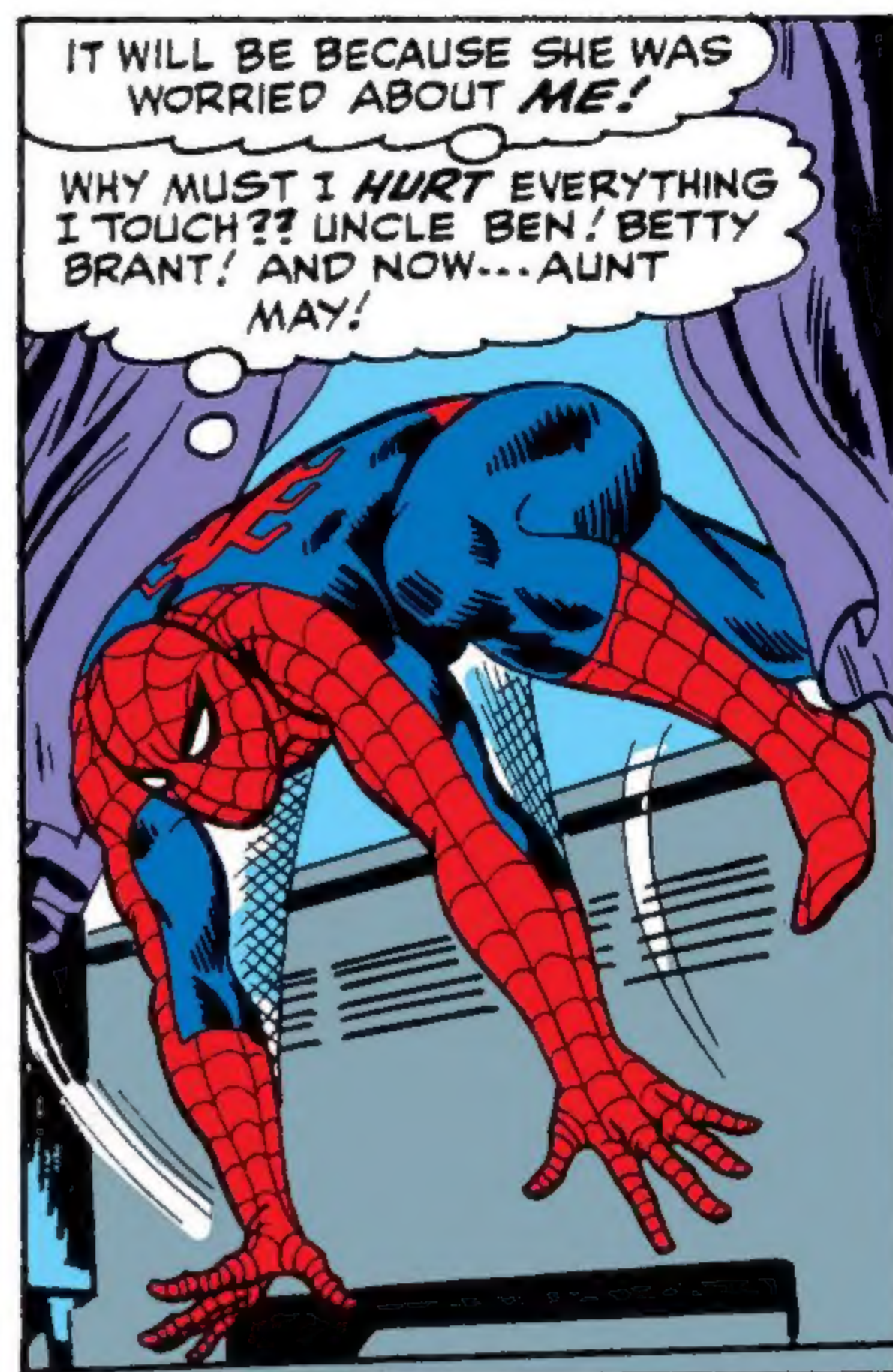
AND THERE'S HARRY  
TO THINK OF! IT  
WOULD BREAK HIS  
HEART!

IF I CAN JUST  
CHANGE HIS  
CLOTHES FAST  
ENOUGH--!











LUCKILY, I REACHED HER IN TIME TO PREVENT ANY SERIOUS ILL EFFECTS!

BUT, IF IT HAPPENS AGAIN... IT MAY BE TOO LATE!

IT... WON'T HAPPEN AGAIN, DOCTOR!

I HOPE NOT, MY BOY! FOR THE SAKE OF BOTH OF YOU!

AFTER THE DOOR CLOSES QUIETLY BEHIND HIM, A BROODING PETER PARKER MAINTAINS SILENT VIGIL THROUGH THE LONG, LONELY, SEEMINGLY ENDLESS HOURS, UNTIL...

PETER! IS... IS THAT YOU?

AUNT MAY! YOU'RE AWAKE! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

OF COURSE I AM, DEAR... NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE!

BUT, IT WAS SO LATE! AND YOU HADN'T CALLED! I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO THINK! THE CITY STREETS CAN BE SO CRUEL... SO DANGEROUS!

SHE'S OKAY! THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS! SHE'S OKAY!

WHERE WERE YOU, PETER?

IT BUGS ME TO LIE... BUT HOW CAN I TELL HER I WAS FIGHTING FOR MY LIFE AGAINST A DEADLY MADMAN IN A BURNING BUILDING?

IT'S ALL MY FAULT, AUNT MAY! I WAS STUDYING WITH ONE OF MY CLASSMATES, AND WE JUST FORGOT HOW LATE IT WAS GETTING!

YOU POOR DEAR! I KNOW HOW MUCH YOUR SCHOLARSHIP MEANS TO YOU... AND HOW YOU WANT TO REMAIN AT THE HEAD OF THE DEAN'S LIST!

BUT YOU SIMPLY MUSTN'T SPEND SO MUCH TIME STUDYING! YOU NEED SOME FRESH AIR... SOME EXERCISE!

IN FACT, LOOK HOW FLUSHED YOUR FACE IS NOW!

I DO DECLARE! YOU HAVE A FEVER!

AUNT MAY... THIS IS RIDICULOUS! I FEEL FINE! IT'S I WHO SHOULD BE LOOKING AFTER YOU!

NONSENSE, PETER! YOU KNOW HOW FRAGILE YOU ARE! THIS WARM BROTH AND A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP WILL DO YOU A WORLD OF GOOD!

MY HEAD WAS WARM BECAUSE I WAS SO NEAR THE FLAMES FOR SO LONG! BUT... MY BEST BET IS TO LET HER MINISTER TO ME! IT'S GOOD THERAPY FOR HER!

JUST KNOWING THAT YOU'RE HOME SAFE AGAIN HAS MADE ME FEEL LIKE A NEW WOMAN!

AND, IN AN EXPENSIVE HOSPITAL ROOM, ON THE FASHIONABLE EAST SIDE OF MANHATTAN... A FATHER AND SON SEEM TO FIND EACH OTHER AGAIN... AS THOUGH AFTER AN ABSENCE OF MANY LONG, NOW-FORGOTTEN YEARS...

DON'T WORRY, DAD! EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT... WE'RE TOGETHER AGAIN!

I CAN'T REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED, SON... THESE PAST FEW YEARS SEEM TO BE FOREVER BURIED... FOREVER LOST TO ME!

BUT, THE FUTURE LIES AHEAD... AND IT WILL BE A GOOD ONE... FOR BOTH OF US! SOMEHOW I KNOW THAT NOW!

**NEXT ISSUE:**

DON'T MISS PETER PARKER'S STARTLING DECISION

**PLUS**...

AN ALL-NEW, FANTASTICALLY POWERFUL SUPER-FOE FOR SPIDEY!

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